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1984 NSL FORMAT REVEALED

IT LOOKS PROMISING

BY STEVE BURNS

MUCH IMPROVED national commercial TV network coverage in 1984. A top five play off in each division. Then the champions of Australia against the champions of Nth America. And precise, straightforward relegation rules.

All these — and more — about Australia's new, 24 team, two division National League were discussed at length in Canberra last week by NSL secretary Stefan Kamasz.

It was a significant explanation of many of the mysteries of the new system which has perplexed thousands of Soccer fans around Australia.

Mr Kamasz was the guest speaker at the Canberra's Arrows VIP dinner club.

Listen to him on television coverage.

"I am optimistic that next year the National League will attract better national commercial coverage," Mr Kamasz said.

He then strongly indicated that Network 7 and 10 were in the front line of negotiation — and Soccer could even see some improvement in the Australian content on the ABC.

And criticism of the Sydney/Melbourne dominance of the two — division — approach?

That was how it had to be — given the presence of clubs in those cities with sufficient financial backing and spectator support to meet the stringent



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-KAMASZ

prerequisites for National League membership, Mr Kamasz said.

He went on to add that clubs would play only one game less than previously and that there would be a big cost saving to most.

Relegation? "The bottom club of the NSW and the bottom club of the Victorian conference will each be relegated," Mr Kamasz said.

"The only exceptions are the regional clubs — Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle. They are still regarded as developmental areas. They will not be relegated unless they finish bottom in successive years."

Regional clubs, he added, and only the regional clubs, would have the opportunity to negotiate the dates when they play specific opponents to maximise crowd potential.

He was then asked about whether any future attempts would be made to try to tie clubs with major Rugby League or Australian Rules clubs in Sydney and Melbourne.

Mr Kamasz used Leichhardt and Footscray as examples of previous such attempts — attempts that had been solidly rejected by the other codes.

"I can't see this type of tie-up being allowed to work," Mr Kamasz said.

It was the NSL intention to hold a top five play-off in each division with the winner of each playing off to become Australia's champions. They would then play the champions of Nth America with a rotation of venues.

Mr Kamasz also explained that the National youth league would be continued and that Brisbane and Adelaide NSL clubs would probably enter Youth squads in their respective State competitions.

Another revelation was the strong possibility that clubs might have to change their stripes and logos if national television was forthcoming. The final date for applications for Australia's National League was Nov. 1," said Kamasz.

And if you're still not enlightened about the new approach wait for November 14. That's the night of nights when all will be revealed at a big marketing and promotional night at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel.

EGAN SHOOT'S FOR THE SECOND GOAL IN THE 85TH MINUTE

There is plenty of action in this ASW picture, but in fact the game lacked the crowd pleasing action that the fans crave for. Egan (South Melbourne) shoots as Jennings (Sydney Olympic) rushes in. Match report on page five



EDITORIAL

MEDIOCRITY tends to be taken as normal when we live with it day after day, year after year.

Perhaps that is why Australian sporting spectators have put up with tenth-rate facilities at grounds for such a long time.

We started thinking along these lines after Leichhardt's Soccer coach Fil Bottalico complained about the standard of floodlighting at St George Stadium where his team met St George last Friday.

Some people may think it unfair of ASW to criticise a club like St George which has done so much to promote the code in New South Wales.

We remain unstinting in our praise of that club for having the courage, enthusiasm, energy and know-how to fashion an excellent stadium out of the mudflats at the end of the Sydney Airport runway.

Only a completely dedicated band of Soccer men would have undertaken the huge task of erecting the comfortable grandstand which seats 3,000 spectators under one roof.

Yet it cannot be denied that the major disappointment in the building of St George Stadium was the floodlighting system.

We commented on this when the lights were first switched on several years ago, but Saints officials promised "they will be improved."

Alas, this has not been done.

Surprisingly, there are few complaints about those lights. The comment from Fil Bottalico, in fact, may have puzzled some people.

But Bottalico is 100 per cent right. The lighting system at St George is suitable only for training — not for important competitive matches.

Australian Soccer spectators are so used to peering through semi-gloom to watch matches under poor lights, they appear unaware that they should be getting something far better.

Sydney sporting fans had their first glimpse of REAL floodlighting when Kerry Packer brought his World Series Cricket to the SCG. "Magnificent...out of this world...just like daylight." These were the sort of compliments paid by those cricket spectators. They seemed to think Packer had introduced a new wonder of the world to sport.

Few realised that, if they travelled overseas to watch sport at night, they would see lighting installations of the SCG standard at a thousand stadiums.

Spectators in Madrid, Sao Paulo, London, Dusseldorf and a hundred other cities take it for granted that lights must be bright for night football — "just like daylight."

At some German grounds used for the 1974 World Cup, we counted 60 lamps on each pylon, with every lamp expertly focussed for maximum projection.

And the crummiest grounds in the English fourth division have brighter floodlights than the fans accept as "normal" in Australian Soccer.

But there is little incentive for clubs to instal good lights if the public is prepared to tolerate the present situation.

The National League could do something to help. It could refuse to allow matches on grounds where the lighting is not good.

But this would restrict night games to Canberra's Bruce Stadium, Melbourne's Olympic Park, Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium and practically nowhere else.

We are stuck with mediocrity. And things will stay that way until the people running Soccer in this country see the light.

BANFIELD SIGNS, IF FERGUSON IN

NEIL BANFIELD has signed a new contract with Adelaide City for 1984 — but there is one string attached, reports Tom McKain.

The former England Youth team defender says he will return to Australia and City only if Bobby Ferguson is coach.

Banfield is now in the UK, having left after the game against Heidelberg.

"If Fergie gets the coaching job again I'll be back and next time it will be for good," said Banfield who wants to play for Australia.

I've signed an agreement to play for City if I come back and I should know my plans by Christmas, but at this stage I do want to settle in Australia.

Banfield has gone back to England to rejoin his parents and fiancée, and has also been offered

work.

His name had been linked with Heidelberg and Preston for 1984, but City football director Frank O'Shea was quick to draw up a new agreement.

"If Neil comes back, and I'm confident he will, then there is no way he will not be playing for us," he said.

O'Shea has already announced that Ferguson will be offered the coaching job again for next season.

However, the former West Ham and Scotland goalkeeper has made it clear he would want cash available to strengthen his squad before he signs a new contract.



Neil Banfield

TROUBLED BELGIANS MAY LOSE OLYMPIC PLACE

BELGIUM had great difficulty fielding a side to play Spain in the Olympic Games qualifying match in Oviedo.

Eight of the Belgian players withdrew from the original squad because they were needed to play for their clubs.

Another four pulled out because they could not get time off from their employment.

When Belgium's makeshift side finally took the field, it included four players who were not officially listed in the

squad — which means they were ineligible.

Now it seems Belgium will have to forfeit.



THAT lovely Arab wealth still attracts the top names from South American football.

Sebastiao Lapola, former coach of Brazil's champion Youth squad, is now in Dubai.

POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

AT a time when virtually all NSL clubs are bitterly disappointed at the size of their crowds, next weekend's program will not improve the situation.

Glancing through the games, only one stands out as a crowd-puller. That's South Melbourne v Marconi where home win is tipped.

Best match? Could be KB entertaining Saints where I predict drawn game. Slickers and Leichhardt should both succeed against dud opposition — as should Brisbane City. Preston - Footscray, the battle of the Balkans, likely draw as is Greek feast between Westad and Olympic. Arrows - Adcity another draw tip.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Leichhardt -v- Heidelberg
Newcastle -v- St. George
Brisbane City -v- Wollongong City
Preston -v- Footscray
West Adelaide -v- Sydney Olympic
South Melbourne -v- Marconi
Sydney City -v- Brisbane Lions
Canberra Arrows -v- Adelaide City

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt		
1. ST. GEORGE.....	27	13	9	5	39-24	48	7	5	1	19-9	26	6	4	4	20-15	22		
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	27	13	9	5	40-27	48	10	4	0	25-5	34	3	5	5	15-22	14		
3. STH MELBOURNE.....	27	14	5	8	40-33	47	7	3	4	20-17	24	7	2	4	20-16	23		
4. NEWCASTLE.....	27	13	7	7	42-22	46	6	4	3	18-7	22	7	3	4	24-15	14		
5. PRESTON.....	27	13	7	7	42-30	46	9	2	2	27-12	29	4	5	5	15-18	17		
6. SYD. OLYMPIC.....	27	11	5	11	36-31	38	5	3	6	20-18	18	6	2	5	16-13	20		
7. LEICHHARDT.....	27	11	4	12	40-32	37	9	2	2	26-9	29	2	2	10	14-23	8		
8. MARCONI.....	27	9	10	8	39-34	37	6	5	3	24-18	23	3	5	5	15-16	14		
9. FOOTSCRAY.....	27	9	8	10	23-36	35	6	4	4	16-19	22	3	4	6	7-17	13		
10. HEIDELBERG.....	27	8	10	9	30-34	34	7	2	4	19-13	23	1	8	5	11-21	11		
11. ADELAIDE CITY.....	28	9	6	13	33-36	33	6	3	5	18-16	21	3	3	8	15-20	12		
12. BRISBANE CITY.....	27	8	9	10	31-41	33	4	5	4	19-20	17	4	4	6	12-21	16		
13. CANBERRA.....	27	9	5	13	40-45	32	7	3	3	25-13	24	2	2	10	15-32	8		
14. WEST ADELAIDE.....	27	5	12	10	21-33	27	4	6	4	15-17	18	1	6	6	6-16	9		
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	27	6	6	15	33-55	24	6	2	6	24-23	20	0	4	9	9-33	4		
16. WOLLONGONG.....	28	3	14	11	38-54	23	1	10	3	18-19	13	2	4	8	20-35	10		



Mariner

ENGLAND'S LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION ONE

6 - Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Dave Swindlehurst (West Ham), Peter Withe (Aston Villa).

5 - Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Eric Gates (Ipswich), Simon Stainrod (Queens Park Rangers), Frank Stapleton (Manchester United).

4 - Clive Allen (Queens Park Rangers), Arnold Muhren (Manchester United), Ian Rush (Liverpool), John Wark (Ipswich).

DIVISION TWO

11 - Kerry Dixon (Chelsea).

7 - Mark Lillies (Huddersfield), Derek Parlane (Manchester City).

6 - Simon Garner (Blackburn), Jim Tolmie (Manchester City).

DIVISION THREE

9 - Tony Caldwell (Bolton).

8 - Keith Edwards (Sheffield United).

7 - Francis Joseph (Brentford).

6 - Alan Cork (Wimbledon).

DIVISION FOUR

11 - Trevor Senior (Reading).

8 - Tony Adcock (Colchester), John Byrne (York).

6 - Ernie Moss (Doncaster), Alan Crawford (Bristol City).

NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	13
D. Brown (SM)	13
J. Bradley (L)	12
J. Kosmina (SC)	12
P. O'Connor (W)	12
J. Paton (F)	11
J. Mullen (AC)	10
C. Egan (SM)	10
R. Cotton (W)	10
D. Wright (BL)	9
D. Lea (H)	9
C. Lucchesi (P)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
D. Marton (SG)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	8
D. Lowe (N)	8
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	8
J. Campbell (H)	7
R. Slater (SG)	7
C. Daunt (BL)	6
G. Gomez (S.C.)	6
P. Katholos (S.O.)	6
M. Barton (SG)	6
M. Jankovic (M)	6
I. Gibson (C)	5
F. Farina (C)	5
G. Cole (H)	5
G. McMillan (P)	5
T. Morsello (L)	5
V. Bozanic (M)	5
S. Winn (M)	5

(The above goalscoring list applies only to NSL matches and does not include Cup games.)



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HERMISTON CITY PURGE

THREE experienced Brisbane City players, including former captain Frank Pimblett and leading scorer Bobby Hamilton, have all but been transfer listed by coach Jim Hermiston as the Gladiators embark on a youth for 84 program in the final NSL fixtures.

Pimblett, Hamilton and former Lions striker Billy Williamson were dropped after City's 2-4 loss to St George. And they have City's 2-4 loss to St George. And they have since been told they are no further required at training.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Their places have been taken by a group of youngsters including Stephen Glockner, who has been dropped to the reserves for a fortnight, Angelo Falco, John Kowtan and Andy Chapman, and original selection in the young Socceroos squad in June, 1982.

Little has been said of the three discard's future at the club although Hermiston has not left them guessing.

"After seven years Frank Pimblett needs a change of club, he has been dropped along with Bobby Hamilton and Billy Williamson. These players have so much skill to offer but are giving so little. I want a team with enthusiasm and verve," Hermiston said.

But when asked did that mean the three were on the transfer list, he replied: "It's up to the committee not me to put players on the transfer list".

Hermiston, who is attempting to introduce a youth policy at Brisbane City along the lines of the successful one at Lions which produced players like Danny Wright, Alan Hunter and Clarke Anderson, is believed to have been very disappointed at the attitude of the three dropped players.

He said the three were

often very critical of the youngsters rather than helpful and had lost their early season zest.

The sudden changes no doubt rocked club officials, but City president Mr Sam Pappalardo has expressed total support for Hermiston's actions.

Although some pundits were saying Hermiston's head was on the block had the team lost its next game. As it turned out they played a scoreless away draw against Marconi.

Brisbane Lions are one club that has pricked its eyes to the news that Pimblett was out of favour.

The club has long been searching for an experienced midfield general and Pimblett, at his best, certainly fits the bill.

But City could play cat and mouse in any transfer deals.

Hermiston revealed last week that Lions youngster Danny Wright was top of his list of players to sign for 1984.

Suggestions have been made of a straight swap, but Lions have dismissed them as laughable.

"Pimblett and a blank cheque wouldn't even buy Danny," one club official said.

As for the other two, Williamson's visa is up at the end of this year while Lions have expressed no interest in Hamilton.

It seems unless they can win back the favour of Hermiston, they will have to move interstate or take a step down and play local premier league.

No doubt it has all come as quite a shock.

HORST HRUBESCH TRIES A DROP OF SCOTCH

STANDARD LIEGE, with powerful West German international Horst Hrubesch now reinforcing their ranks, have drawn interesting opponents in the second round of the European Cup.

Dundee United, who surprised a lot of football folk by winning last season's Scottish Premier Division, have been paired with the Belgian champions.

EUROPEAN CUP:

Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) v Benfica (Portugal).

Liverpool (England) v Atletico Bilbao (Spain).

Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) v SV Hamburg (W Germany).

Bohemians Prague (Czech) v Rapid Vienna (Austria).

Rabat Heto Gyor (Hungary) v Dynamo Minsk (USSR).

Standard Liege (Belgium) v Dundee United (Scotland).

CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) v AS Roma (Italy).

Dynamo Berlin (E Germany) v Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia).

First Leg October 19. Second Leg November 2.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Ujpest Doza (Hungary) v FC Cologne (W Germany).

SK Beveren (Belgium) v Aberdeen (Scotland).

Hammarby IF (Sweden) v Valkeakosken Haka (Finland).

Chakhter Donetsk (USSR) v Servette Geneva (Switzerland).

Paris St Germain (France) v Juventus (Italy).

NEC Nijmegen (Netherlands) v Barcelona (Spain).

Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) v Porto (Portugal).

Spartak Varna (Bulgaria) v Manchester United (England).

First Leg October 19. Second Leg November 2.

UEFA CUP

Royal Antwerp (Belgium) v Lens (France).

Moscow Spartak (USSR) v Aston Villa (England).

Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) v Carl Zeiss Jena (E Germany).

Widzew Lodz (Poland) v Sparta Prague (Czech).

PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) v Nottingham Forest (England).

Rsc Anderlecht (Belgium) v Banik Ostrava (Czech).

Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) v Glasgow Celtic (Scotland).

Austria Vienna (Austria) v Laval (France).

Verona (Italy) v Sturm Graz (Austria).

Honved Budapest (Hungary) v Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia).

Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) v Tottenham Hotspur (England).

Lokomotiv Leipzig (E Germany) v Werder Bremen (W Germany).

Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) v Watford (England).

Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) v Inter Bratislava (Czech).

PAOK Salonika (Greece) v Bayern Munich (W Germany).

Fc Groningen (Netherlands) v Inter Milan (Italy).

First leg October 19, second leg November 2.

Lens will be at home in the first leg to avoid the Beveren v Aberdeen Cup Winners' Cup match and Anderlecht v Banik Ostrava.

ions.

As Roma with great Brazilians Falcao and Cereza in fine form, will have to battle all the way in their next assignment.

Roma are drawn against CSKA of Sofia, always dangerous opponents in European matches.

Liverpool, determined to recapture the European Cup they covet so dearly, have to overcome classy Spanish opposition in the next round.

Atletico Bilbao will be very difficult to toss on their home ground, but the Merseyside spectators should shout Liverpool to victory at Anfield.

Another spicy tie in the

major European competition is between Dinamo Bucharest and SV Hamburg.

Hamburg are one of the world's outstanding sides and will be favoured to eliminate the Romanians after a tough struggle.

In the Cup Winners Cup, a lot of experts are tipping the costly and classy Juventus to go right through to the final.

Their second round task is against Paris St Germain.

France has not had a great deal of success in European competitions and Juventus, with the great Michel Platini in their side, look a little too strong for the team from Paris.

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WOMEN

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 4 to 11 OCTOBER, 1984.

The third year of this tournament. In 1982 there was 1 team from N.S.W. In 1983, 3 from N.S.W. and 2 from Victoria. In its third year teams are expected from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating in 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

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Horst Hrubesch heads the winner for Germany in the 2-1 European Championship Final.



ROUND UP

YELLOW CARDS AND MISSES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A little more accuracy from Mark Jankovics could have turned the tide Marconi's way in the 1-1 draw with Sydney City at Marconi Stadium.

Jankovics opened brilliantly by bringing up a 26 minute equaliser with a glorious left-foot drive that flew high into the

net.

Three times afterwards he was in open positions to collect the winner.

Only one went close and

that was just inches off target right on half-time. Right-back John Djordjevic delivered his free kick to Tony Henderson.



Mark Jankovics

LIONS TEETH

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRING on Sydney City — that was the feeling among Brisbane Lions players after they scored their first win in two months at Richlands last weekend.

Lions fought tooth and nail to peg back a first half goal from Canberra, then hung on desperately in the second half to keep the Arrows out and finish with a 2-1 win.

There was nothing fancy about the victory, just sheer guts and fighting spirit.

Canberra are certainly not the worst side in the League, in fact in Terry Byrne, George Christopoulos and Frank Farina they have players among the best in their positions in Australia.

But on some displays of late, neither do Lions deserve to be in such a lowly position.

The Brisbane team is not championship material — at least not yet. But Canberra can vouch for Lions' fighting ability.

To their credit Atti Abonyi's Arrows refused to hang on to a 1-0 lead at half-time and play defensively in the second period and that turned the last 45 minutes into an exciting display of attack and counter-attack.

Canberra took the lead in the 27th minute from a free kick after Russell Stewart fouled his Young Socceroo teammate Farina just outside the penalty box.

Ian Stone, Canberra's dead ball expert, floated a cross into the box where

ever-attacking sweeper Byrne rose above the defence and flicked the ball to the far post.

Don MacLaren bolted in to powerfully head the ball home.

Russell Stewart was at sweeper after a road accident on match morning left Rod Vasquez with a sore neck and a switch to the bench, and that left Lions without their playmaker.

A move that began with Vincent and Stewart led to the equaliser. The ball was swung wide to Steve Hogg who cracked a low shot goalwards.

Byrne was robbed by Danny Wright who only got on the park after three hours of injury treatment before the match.

Wright showed all his class and skill and delightfully chipped Chris Hummel.

Fifteen minutes into the half, Clarke Anderson was fouled by Byrne. He crossed the free kick to the far post where big Calvin Daunt headed the winner.

LIONS: Beves, McSkimming, Hunter, R.Stewart, Hogg, Vincent, J.Stewart, Wright (Vasquez 84), Daunt.

CANBERRA: Hummel, Young, Redmond, Christopoulos, Ambrosini, Byrne, Stone, Bryant, Farina, Brennan, MacLaren.

REFEREE: D.Nugent.

CROWD: Approx. 150



A neat lob reached Jankovics right in front. He turned and shot but the ball struck the crossbar and came out.

Sydney City started out in masterly fashion and it came as no surprise when Kenny Boden scored in the 12th minute.

Gaining possession, he exchanged passes with John Kosmina and then finished off with characteristic accuracy.

By rights the Slickers should have had the game in their keeping in the 20th minute.

In spite of Vic Bozanic's protest, referee Richard Lorenc ruled Kosmina had been brought down inside Marconi's penalty area.

Kosmina aimed his shot to Bruce James' left, but the ball crashed into the upright and a golden opportunity vanished.

This miss signalled a complete change of fortunes and Marconi's less refined but more effective

play put them well in command.

The standard dropped in the second half, but a continual run of chances at either end maintained crowd interest.

In the 73rd minute Eddie Thomson replaced Kevin Mullen with Gerardo Gomez, indicating that he was ready to settle for a point.

And that is where matters ended even though there were near misses at either end in the dying minutes.

Over the game a procession of yellow cards went to the players.

Recipients were Kevin Mullen, Steve O'Connor, Ken Boden, Paul Kay and Jim Cant of Sydney City, and Ricky Budini and Steve Winn of Marconi. MARCONI: James: Bozanic, Djordjevic, Henderson, Budini, McCulloch, Sermani, Carbone (Licata 81), Hunter, Jankovics, Winn.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano: Mullen (Gomez 73), O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Watson, Kay, Barnes, Boden, Kosmina, Murray.

REFEREE: R. LORENC. CROWD: 2,870.

CRAZY GOAL FOR KB!

By PHIL MURPHY

NEWCASTLE scored probably their luckiest goal of the season to grab a 2-2 draw against Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground.

With less than a minute to go, full-back Howard Tredinnick initiated the move upfield when he sent David Lowe clear and his high cross found the Wollongong defence in big trouble.

In a crowded goalmouth, the ball struck goalkeeper Jim Preston on the knee, rolled between defenders Ray Vlietstra and Chris Dunleavy and nestled in the net.

Vlietstra and Dunleavy were shattered after the game and both said they thought the ball was rolling wide of the post for a corner.

It was a game Wollongong should have had sewn up well before Newcastle staged their "great escape." The home team led 2-0 at half-time and looked to be in full control.

Roy Cotton headed a gem of a goal from a Phil O'Connor cross; then Chris Dunleavy powered through a group of players to head in an O'Connor corner.

O'Connor should have scored himself between those two goals when sent clear with a perfect pass from Larry Gaffney.

The Socceroo striker shot straight at goalkeeper Clint Gosling and when the ball rebounded back to him shot wide with the goal at his mercy.

Wollongong slowed to a walk in the last 20 minutes conceding all the midfield activity to Newcastle and paid the penalty.

After 69 minutes David Lowe scored for the visitors after Preston failed to hold a powerful drive from Grant Lee and that seemed the signal for the home team's defence to go to panic stations.

Peter Burke and Gerry Watson played soundly for Newcastle while Lowe was always a threat with his weaving runs up front.

For Wollongong, full-back Peter Willis had a big game against his old club, Gaffney was always busy in midfield and defence while O'Connor had a big first half.

For the Wollongong team it was the same old story — they showed their supporters just what they are capable of but still couldn't manage the three points.

WOLLONGONG: Preston: Willis, Vlietstra, Dunleavy, Fleming, Gaffney, Ainsworth, Dummett, Dickson, Cotton, O'Connor.

NEWCASTLE KB: Gosling, Maier, Mason, Burke, Watson, Tredinnick, Senkalski, Mountford, Lowe, Jones, Lee.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 967.

ROUND UP

STRIKERS DID NOT STRIKE!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE got out of jail when they only mathematically defeated a fast, determined and robust Leichhardt 2-1 at the St George Stadium to collect three points and crash through to become joint-leaders on the NSL ladder with Sydney City.

Saints' classy sweeper, the tenacious David Ratcliffe, opened the scoring in the 15th minute when he met a strong low free-kick taken by Dez Marton to head into Leichhardt's net from close-range. Referee Tony Boskovic, awarded St George that free-kick against Leichhardt's goalkeeper Bobby Parkes for "steps" after making a save.

Then St George's right striker, Robbie Slater, made it 2-0 in the 26th minute when he met a Peter Stone pass to smash a close-range low hard shot into the bottom corner of the net, with Parkes diving across the top a split second too late.

Leichhardt hit back in the 32nd minute when the little dynamic Johnny Bradley cracked a magnificent shot on target from 16 metres only to see goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, make an even more magnificent save.

Ten minutes from the break, Leichhardt scored with the goal of the match. Powerful right-back Paul Carter, and "man of the match," took a free-kick from 35 metres wide on the right... and hit an absolute "bomb" that dipped viciously behind Greedy and under the crossbar.

Five minutes before half-time, Saints looked certain to score a third goal when Marton busted away up the left flank. But Leichhardt's solid centre-back, Jim Bottalico made a spectacular tackle to clip the ball off Marton's boot on the edge of the box.

Despite no further goals being scored in the second half, Leichhardt dominated enormously and it looked only a matter of time before they would crack St George. But Saints' back-four held very firm.

Leichhardt's midfield was magnificently led by Arno Bertogna who

switched played with solid first time balls, and he was well backed up by his outside linkmen, Gray and Tredinnick, making long powerful runs on the flanks.

Alas, Leichhardt had nobody to "hit" up front and this was their downfall, as strikers, Bradley, Valeri and Morsello were well shut down.

Although Leichhardt kept pouring through, in the 76th minute, it was St George who went close to scoring again when Marton screamed away on the left and slung a geometrically-measured cross to Paul Wilkinson. Wilkinson, who was free on the back post, made a mess of his header from only four metres.

St George were very lucky to get out of jail in this one.

Best performers for Leichhardt were Carter, Bertogna, Tredinnick, Gray and Mariani, while Saints they were best served by Ratcliffe and John O'Shea who did a lot of hard ground work.

Leichhardt's coach, Fil Bottalico, after the match lamented: "Although we played very well, we just had no luck in front of goal. What can you do? I was very happy with all my boys tonight."

In the St George dressing room, a relieved Frank Arok remarked: "Leichhardt were worthy opponents and played very well. I congratulate them."

ST GEORGE: Greedy: Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea: Barton, Stone, J. O'Shea: Slater, Wilkinson, Marton (Petkovski 84)

LEICHHARDT: Parkes: Carter, Mariani, Bottalico, Brown: Gray, Bertogna, Tredinnick: Bradley, Valeri (Sharne 80), Morsello.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic.

CROWD: 3,148.



David Ratcliffe

ROUND UP

OLYMPIC'S DOCILE DISPLAY

BY TOM ANDERSON.

SOUTH MELBOURNE shot themselves into the 1983 NSL title race with a bang when they downed a docile and unimaginative Sydney Olympic 2 - 0 at St George Stadium.

The Victorians won in a canter in a match that turned out to be probably their easiest away fixture of the 1983 season.

In fact, had it not been for the soaring temperature South Melbourne probably would not have raised a sweat capturing the points.

As a spectacle, this game was a non-event, a yawn from start to finish.

There were no crowd incidents — probably because the 2,845 spectators were put to sleep by the action, or the lack of it!

The entertainment value was practically nil and it was little wonder the paying customers who remained awake made for the exit gates 20 minutes from the end.

Olympic started with

their usual flurry and for the first 10 minutes at least, looked like a team.

During this short period they exposed the limitations of South Melbourne stopper Steve Blair, who still doesn't know when to stay in position and when to commit himself into the tackle.

However this deficiency in the Victorian defence was not capitalised on and the Olympic attack became non-existent.

Playing to a well drilled, effective, although not too entertaining pattern of play, South Melbourne tied the game up in midfield, where they reigned supreme.

Their opening goal came in the 29th minute when Carl Halford

smashed one home, following a mistake by the Olympic defence.

This was really the end of the ball game and from then on, South Melbourne never allowed Olympic to gain any resemblance of control of the action.

The Victorians second goal came five minutes from the end when Charlie Eagan played a smart one-two before tucking the ball away past Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier.

This was definitely not one of the memorable matches of the season and one Olympic will want to forget very quickly.

South Melbourne came to Sydney to collect the points and they did just this in a professional and determined manner with-



Terry Patalis makes a determined burst to go round Alan Davidson, one of the very few occasions Davidson was struggling in the Olympic - Souths match.

out any frills or nicities.

Gaining championship points is indeed a serious business at this stage and Len McKendry's boys were obviously not in a mood for frivolities.

Which is what we must be expected even if it is at times a tedious bore.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Dakos,

Coady, Jennings; Ras-kopoulos, Patikas, Katholos, Phillips; Soper, Patalis (Koussas 75).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets; Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Davidson; Halford, Crino, Murphy, Woodin; Egan, Brown.

REFEREE: R. Davies. CROWD: 2,845.

ROUND UP

ADELAIDE BACK ON TRACK

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY's players got back on the right track at the right time with a 2 - 0 win over Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field.

The club's bid to raise \$500,000 from supporters by the end of this month was looking a lost cause after a defeat from Wollongong, then the 4 - 2 humiliation from visiting Heidelberg after leading 2 - 0.

But against the Queensland side everything came good, particularly striker Joe Mullen who headed home in the eighth minute from a Charlie Villani cross, then netted a rebound off goalkeeper Kim Wishart, after midfielder Les Carter had set up the first shot.

Even when that second goal went in, the home fans, many of whom stayed away in droves, were not game to declare their team a winner.

But this week the defence was as tight as any coach could ask for with captain Bugsy Nyskohus moving to sweeper in place of England Youth team star Neil Banfield, who has returned to the UK.

Again young Paul Shillabeer came in as a full-back and must now have won a permanent spot.

Both teams had difficulty in adapting to a powerful breeze which swept down the field, but in the second half, Brisbane did not make full use of it, and Willie McNally in the home goal had little to do.

In contrast, Wishart had to save what looked like two more certain goals from Mullen and Peter Rankin.

Again Brisbane coach Jim Hermiston fielded a young side with John Kowtan, Lucioano Fabrizio, Steve Glockner and Andy Chapman under 21.

Chapman did some sterling work, as did fellow forward Alan Hughes, until he came off limping in the second half, and Frank Liddell also ran all day as a midfielder while Fabrizio showed some clever touches but played only in flashes.

Gary Bromfield looked dangerous when he got going up front but with Stewart Blair and Sergio Melta dominating midfield, Brisbane seldom posed a threat — although there was an exciting break in the first half by Fabrizio, who saw his chip shot bounce over McNally and hit the Adelaide bar.

Allowing for the wind which played havoc with the ball, the match was a reasonable spectacle and at least Adelaide coach Bobby Ferguson was able to praise his players.

"They did well to come back after the humiliation of the week before and I was pleased," said Ferguson, which was praise indeed from a man who does not throw compliments around.

For Hermiston it was not so satisfactory after the 0 - 0 draw with Marconi but as he said: "You must give youth its fling."

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Dods, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Villani, Mullen, Rankin.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Tokesi, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield, Hughes (Bow 79), Glockner, Chapman, Fabrizio.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 1,105.

A HAPPY FOOTSCRAY

BY HARRY HALL

FOOTSCRAY recorded their first home victory 2 - 0 over bogey team Westad.

The Melbourne side had never in the past six years defeated West Adelaide at Schintler Reserve, and it was no wonder the win was celebrated by the 1,500 supporters.

Bob McLachlan had expressed optimism during the week about the out-

come of Sunday's game and the mighty Scot was once again proved correct by his hard-fighting players who were supported greatly by the vocal crowd.

Westad were no match for their opponents at any stage of the game and

were lucky to escape with a beating by two goals only.

Footscray attacked for most of the game and created scoring opportunities galore to win the game.

Their forwards however repeatedly shot wide of the target and the teams were locked at 0 - 0 until the 61st minute when Zdravko Lujic broke the

deadlock with the first goal from a Joe Carroll pass.

Jamie Paton sealed the match 15 minutes from time with a penalty.

Referee Chris Bambridge spotted Hiern pulling Carroll back in the box and awarded the penalty that was converted by Paton.

The win lifted Footscray to ninth spot on the championship table.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Tutill, Belic, Curovic, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook; Papazoglou, McGregor, Hiern, Dunn, Manou, Heys, Atsalas, Brown, Honeyman, Kostantopoulos.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. CROWD: 1,500.

PRESTON FLOP ONCE AGAIN!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

PRESTON's championship hopes took another nosedive following their spectacular crash to Heidelberg United at Olympic Village by 3 - 1.

The pace-setters of the 1983 championship race stumbled in their NSL campaign, to the most painful defeat of the year.

The loss relegated Preston to fifth spot after they had led the table for so long.

But in spite of the bad slip, Preston still have ample opportunity to challenge the new leader St George only two points ahead of them.

Heidelberg's performance should be rated the best for the season be-

cause all their lines functioned efficiently and capitalised on the mistakes of their opponents.

Midfield superiority was Heidelberg's main feature. Led superbly by Theo Selemidis, they imposed their authority and applied tremendous pressure on the opposition.

Ollerton had to reshuffle his team to accommodate losses of his winger George Campbell on a trip to Europe and Gordon Flavell suspended.

Ollerton resorted to a defensive formation which saw six players defending for most of the game. But Heidelberg used all their strength and determination and succeeded in their efforts to penetrate.

In fact it was Preston's shaky defence that allowed the home team to establish a 2 - 0 lead at half-time.

Gary Cole opened the scoring in the 16th minute with his fifth goal for the season. The captain of the home team connected with a through ball from Derek Lea and slotted it in the net wide of Wilson's reach.

Derek Lea himself hit the target after 38 minutes after David Jones had failed to control a back pass by team-mate Con Opasinas.

Lurking Lea burst forward and side-stepped advancing Wilson to place the ball in the net.

The game might have taken a different direction had Preston midfielder, Odzakov, scored in the 10th minute of the opening half from set-play.

The burly midfielder took a free-kick only to see the ball bounce of Oliver's right post for a goal kick.

Ollerton reshuffled his team further in the sec-

ond half, pushing George McMillan into the forward line.

The move upset the rhythm of the home team and Preston mounted a series of attacks from the middle looking for the opportunity to reduce the margin.

But Heidelberg maintained their composure and fended off these attacks to keep the scoreline until the 68th minute when Derek Lea hit for the second time with a third goal.

Gary Cole fed Scott Patterson with a perfect ball along the middle line. The young striker spilled the ball forward, beat two defenders on the run and cut it square to Derek Lea who headed home.

Preston reduced the



CARRYING on where George Murray left off... that's Atti Abonyi's extra activities in school coaching clinics.

Twice a week — usually on a Wednesday and Friday afternoons — Abonyi treks to Canberra primary schools to give extensive coaching.

Often players accompany him — players like Tony Brennan and Duncan Cole — and others.

"I've visited many schools and I can't remember all of them," Abonyi said.

"Perhaps the major ones would be Fisher and Fraser State Primary Schools and St Peter Shanel's Catholic School.

Abonyi said the response had been tremendous."

"If you saw the eagerness of these kids you wouldn't worry for the future of Soccer," he said.

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TOM McCULLOCH has decided against returning to Scotland at the end of the season and will probably go for trials with Southampton.

The Youth Socceroo captain tried his luck in Glasgow with Celtic in 1980 when he was only 16.

"Maybe I was too young at the time," he said. "But I think England is better than Scotland for me now."

Let's hope Tom's dad, George McCulloch, a Scot through and through, doesn't get cranky about that comment!

Tom McCulloch



A much deserved testimonial for former long serving Canberra's Arrows skipper and rugged defender Roy Stark will take place.

The date is November 5 and the venue is Bruce Stadium.

And rumour has it that many former Arrows' stars will return for the game.

It sounds like it could be quite a match — considering what a Stark all star lineup could include.

A few examples are Tony Henderson, Jimmy Cant, Sebastian Giampolo the three O'Sheas, Richard Wilson, Isaac Farrell, Stephen Hogg, and Harry Williams.

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TERRY SMITH has officially retired after a colourful career with Stoke City, Western Suburbs Sydney, St George, Sydney City and Manly Warringah... but ASW would not be surprised if he changed his mind before the 1984 season.

Meanwhile, we hear the big fellow has plans to open "SMITHY'S SCHOOL FOR STRIKERS."

He should be an ideal teacher — after scoring 17 goals in the NSW State League this season.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC did enough against Wollongong to win with three or more goals to spare — yet finished with a disappointing 3-3 draw.

Coach Manfred Schaefer complained his players lacked "mental discipline."

EVERYBODY knows Sunday is the best day for Soccer in Sydney. That being the case, how does the NSW Soccer Federation justify the planning of important matches last weekend?

The vital confrontation between Melita and Croatia was arranged for the Monday and the equally important semi-final replay between Blacktown and Sutherland Shire was played on Saturday.

This left Sunday free for second division matches.

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ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok spent a full day at a seminar devoted to aspects of promoting entertainment.

The same Arok is the most promotion-minded coach in Australian Soccer. What a pity the others do not learn from him.



Wayne Farnsworth

DOUG COLLINS was not surprised when England flopped so badly against Denmark at Wembley.

The Marconi coach, and former Burnley midfielder, says the standard of Soccer in England has skidded badly downhill in recent years.

"I watched Birmingham City against Wolverhampton on TV recently," said Doug, "and the standard was terrible."

"When I was in the English first division, half of the players in that game wouldn't have been rated third division class."

MELITA Eagles have been preparing for next season's new NSL format as well as the semi-final series in the NSW State League.

Recently the club played a trial game against Sydney City and comprehensively defeated them 5-2. Young striker Wayne Farnsworth had a field night scoring three goals.

Last week Melita maintained their "killer instinct" for National League sides, with a determined 3-1 win over Leichhardt.

Having already won the NSW State League premiership, the Eagles are clicking at the right time of the season. A message for other NSL clubs next year... Beware the Eagles have landed.

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LEICHHARDT have maintained their youth policy in promoting young Ennio Morson to the first team during their night game against Canberra.

Ennio, a year 12 student at Canterbury High, is a skilful ball player. Disappointingly for him, Canterbury High were knocked out of the Commonwealth Bank Cup series in a night game against Kadina earlier this year. Ennio received his marching orders in that game.

Coming on as a replacement against Canberra at Bruce Stadium will stand out more vividly than his disappointment at Kadina.



Steve Pollard (left) battles with John Spanos

TALKS are rife that SydneyCroatia coach Joseph Kuze will be coaching Melbourne Croatia next season.

John Gardiner, the Melbourne Croatia coach, was sacked last week and if Kuze moves to Melbourne one wonders who will coach Sydney Croatia next year.

Since Atti Abonyi hasn't made any firm commitments with Canberra Arrows, rumour indicates Abonyi will renew his association with Croatia Sydney.

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GOOD to see reason prevailing to switch NSL fixtures.

At least that was the case with the Canberra Arrows and Leichhardt game.

After much persuasion, that is.

Following many phone calls and discussion — and added cost — Canberra convinced Leichhardt to move the game from Sunday afternoon to Saturday night under Bruce Stadium lights.

The reason? Canberra still rates "country" television status with local fans treated to a feast of live sports coverage which included both the VFL and Rugby League grand finals. It made sense to move Soccer to Saturday night.

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WHO is the best striker in the NSL? Fil Bottalico gives his vote to "old man" Dez Marton of St George.

"I wish I had him in my Leichhardt team," said Bottalico.



Dez Marton

PENRITH CITY, a team not to be confused with Penrith United, hope to start building a new grandstand, costing \$1,500,000, next year.

The steering committee of the new club has gone out of its way to assure the media that they are NOT just Penrith United with a new name.

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WOLLONGONG'S Steve Pollard was hit by a double body blow last week following his ill-advised jump into the crowd at the Wollongong - Sydney Olympic match.

First, Pollard was fined by his club (\$100) and suspended for the rest of the year; then the NSL judiciary slapped a four-months ban on the player.

While nobody would condone what Pollard did, his hasty reaction when he apparently saw an Olympic fan hurling a can at him, was not difficult to understand.

It is a pity the NSL could not also punish the can-throwing hooligan who prompted Pollard's reaction.



Mickey Brennan

MICKEY BRENNAN, West Adelaide's midfield strongman, could be on the market at the end of the season.

The whisper is that the English import will be listed as an "unwanted player" and defender Bill Amey could be facing the same fate if the rumours are true of a player cleanout.

Brennan and Amey were signed by coach Alan Vest who parted company with the club last month.

West Adelaide will start negotiations this week for Polonai striker Steve Papadopoulos.

The 18-year-old tearaway front runner has blossomed this season, and shows a ton of skill to go with his rugged frame.

There could be a battle before pen goes on paper. West sources say Papadopoulos has an \$800 fee on his head, according to his contract, while one Polonia official said he would not go for less than \$11,000.



Robbie Dunn

While Robbie Dunn was playing for West Adelaide against South Melbourne the other week there was a special scout watching the big central defender.

His contract with West runs out this year and the giant defender could be moving on.

We're told the scout liked what he saw.

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ADELAIDE City midfielder Les Carter will be with the club again next year.

The English import has had his visa extended, and, along with his wife will be applying for permanent residency.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

UNHAPPY

I READ in your paper that one of the top officials from the National Soccer League has asked the former Sydney Olympic president to join the new NSL.

I am not disputing the abilities of John Constantine, but I am unhappy with the situation of the NSL and the NSW Federation. In my opinion a top official should have a strong connection with one of the member club, to know and sense the trouble and hardships of the members.

Already the NSW Soccer Federation is run by people with almost no connection to any clubs, and on the executive committee of NSL more than half have nothing to do with any clubs. People like them treat the whole League as a hobby and do not do what is best for the clubs. So John and Co. should go back to the clubs and seek an election to the top jobs of the League.

P.S. Member clubs make the NSL and not individual officials!

Tony Kiss
Rockdale.

COMPLAINT

I always seem to be writing to your Readers Forum with complaints. But it's good to know that Soccer fans have somewhere to let off steam, even if only with a pen.

In the National Under 15 titles, unfortunately or fortunately, I only managed to see NSW play one game. If that is the best team we can come up with it's a sorry state of affairs Soccer is in. I thought Under 15 teams in this State were where the strength was at.

I don't know if they were having an off game but the position they finished indicates it wasn't an off game. I noted one bad fault, the sweeper of NSW took all free kicks with no variation whatsoever. To me, that is bad play or coaching whichever way you look at it.

As much as I'm against it, I think it's time we had a selection panel, instead of the coach and his aids to select State teams.

It may sound like sour grapes on my behalf. I assure you it is. Last year Polonia's Under 14 won the Metropolitan and State Championships. Players in the State team — nil. This year they were in the top six team round robin series. Players in the State team — nil.

I rest my case.

R. BROWN,
St Marys, 2760.

DOCHERTY

AFTER reading Tom Anderson's remarks about Tommy Docherty, let me commend him heartily.

When one thinks of this man's career in the Soccer world, after all being capped in his day 25 times was no mean feat and to have managed some of the clubs he managed, especially the great Manchester Utd. Going back around 15 to 20 years I think he was looking after Chelsea.

His team were to play Blackpool. Five or six of his players were found out not doing the right thing prior to their match: so The Doc despatched these players back to London and brought back reserves to play in their place. This was one of the things I admired about him. He was a professional coach and at the moment there are not too many in Australia.

Rale Rasic, after he got Australia to the World Cup when England didn't even qualify, would be one of the leading coaches left at the moment. I reckon the same person has a few problems.

On the Queensland scene, a lad who should be the top for this year's Rothmans Gold Medal, "Mark McNaughton" a gentleman and an excellent player, who was an example to all around him.

He was Olympic's captain till he recently received a broken ankle.

S. MCGREGOR,
Inala, Q'land.

MORE DOC

It is about time somebody told the truth about the DOCHERTY SPITTING INCIDENT. It is ridiculous for people like Mr Derek Robinson to write a venomous and racist letter (Readers Forum 20.9.83) about Greeks.

Apparently this person does not know anything about Docherty.

The Greeks embraced him and gave him their love and the most money any coach ever got in Australia.

He had a free hand with the team and was going from bad to worse.

When the Greeks found out he would not go and they could not sack him without paying him \$60,000, they showed him what they thought of him by spitting AT him. For Greeks, this is the lowest you can get.

The Greek will show he is disgusted with you by doing a GESTURE LIKE SPITTING, SALIVA IS NOT USED, only the action is like spitting.

We did not want him and what a team Olympic is now.

Proud to be Greek and Olympic forever.

C. CLAYBELLS,
Sydney.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

WE DIDN'T have to wait until Sunday to find out the final make up of the 'Top Four' as AIS settled the issue on Saturday at St George Stadium when they came back from a half time one goal deficit to defeat the Saints by two goals to one. The Olympians, however, were unable to go on with the job on Sunday when they went down by two goals to one at the hands of Wollongong Wolves.

On Saturday at the St George Stadium the Saints and the Australian Institute put on an excellent game with the stakes obviously higher for AIS. They were bidding for a place in the final four, while for the Saints, who had already clinched their place, it was a matter of being runner-up or snatching third place.

A lot of good football was played by both sides,

with Vince Collaguiri and Paul Darlington for Saints and Ray Junna and Warren Spinks for AIS all prominent in the early period of the game.

After a period of pressure on the AIS goal, the Saints took the lead after some indecision by Roy Jones in the AIS defence. He lost the ball to Vince Collaguiri who squared it to John Muskovits who beat Franken

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	24	17	4	3	64	27	55
Newcastle	24	13	3	8	40	30	42
St George	24	13	2	9	45	35	41
AIS	24	11	6	7	36	25	39
Olympic	24	10	3	11	39	39	33
Marconi	24	8	7	9	34	30	31
Canberra	24	9	2	13	36	49	29
Leichhardt	24	5	5	14	25	53	20
Wollongong	24	3	6	15	22	55	15

18 Tony Caban Newcastle, 13 Manis Lamond Canberra, 11 Warren Spink AIS, 10 John Muskovits St George, 9 Graeme Fletcher Sydney City, 9 Grant Sargent Sydney City, 8 Simon Brandt Newcastle, 8 Domenic Giannone Marconi, 7 Ian Souness Sydney City, 7 Ean Rodrigues Sydney City, 7 Mark Koussas Olympic.

NEW LIGHT AT ALBURY

ALBURY had floodlit football last Week for the first time in 10 years, writes local correspondent FRANK FINLAY.

Over a thousand fans watched Albury City settle an "old feud" with Lavington, beating them 1-0.

Albury Woodonga Soccer Association officials, were elated with the response of local people.

The game wrote a new chapter in Albury Woodonga Soccer history.

President John King said he hoped arrangements could be made for night games to become a permanent feature.

The ground used was the Lavington Sports Oval, which is primarily used for athletics and cycling.

Soccer officials will need all their negotiating skills to get reasonable use of the ground from its controllers for the future.

THREE-WAY TIE, BUT NSW WIN

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSW won the National Under 13s Championship held in Alice Springs on superior goal-difference after a three-way tie on points with Victoria and Queensland.

Going into the last day, NSW had to defeat Northern Territory by three clear goals and Victoria had to draw for the NSW team to come home victorious.

NSW defeated plucky Northern Territory 6-0 and Western Australia put on by far its best performance to hold Victoria scoreless.

The NSW side finished with a goal-difference of 13, with Victoria 9 and Queensland 4.

In coming second, the Victorians did not have a goal scored against them.

The standard of the competition was even and quite good, with some very talented players on show.

Northern Territory was a surprise packet. Some of their players, and particularly the goalkeeper, would be sensational in the main states even though they naturally lack hard competition.

NSW was very well served by its vice-captain, Zoran Naumovski of St George.

Final placings were: 1 NSW, 2 Victoria, 3 Queensland, 4 South Australia, 5 Northern NSW, 6 Western Australia, 7 Northern Territory.

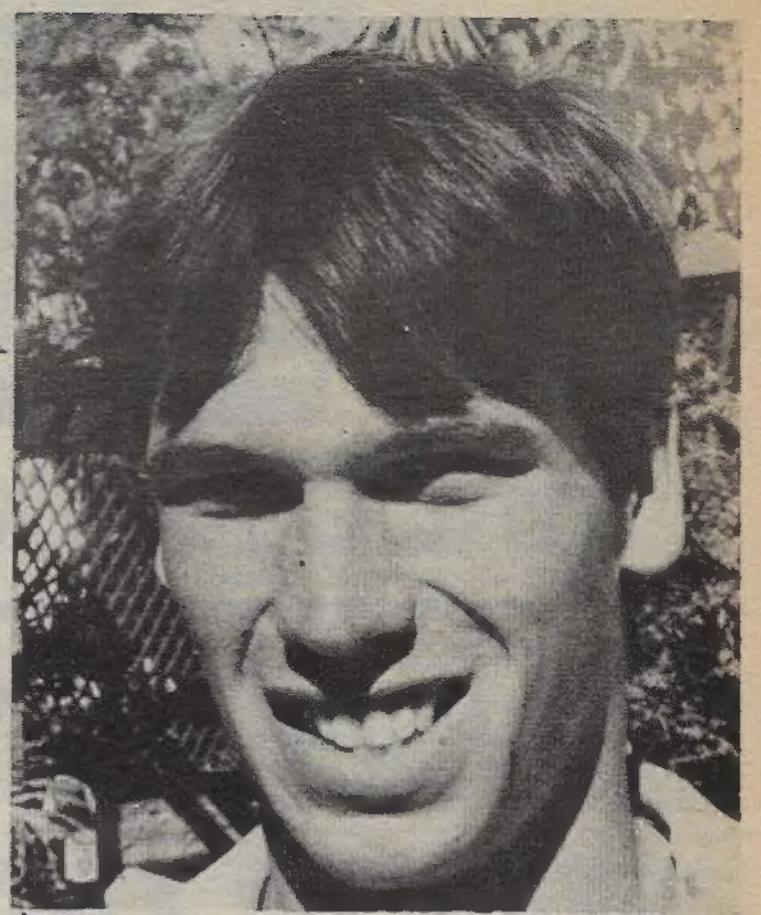
from 15 metres. Poor finishing by the AIS forwards and some good saves by Tony Franken kept the scoreline down until half time.

The wind appeared stronger in the second half and was clearly to the advantage of AIS. After some early pressure by them in which Warren Spink was prominent, Ray Junna levelled the scores when he had the simple task of tapping in a Warren Spink shot, palmed down by Mike Frazer. Glen Cameron got the winner for AIS in the 72nd minute after Mark Boyd had beaten the off-side trap and unselfishly passed to him.

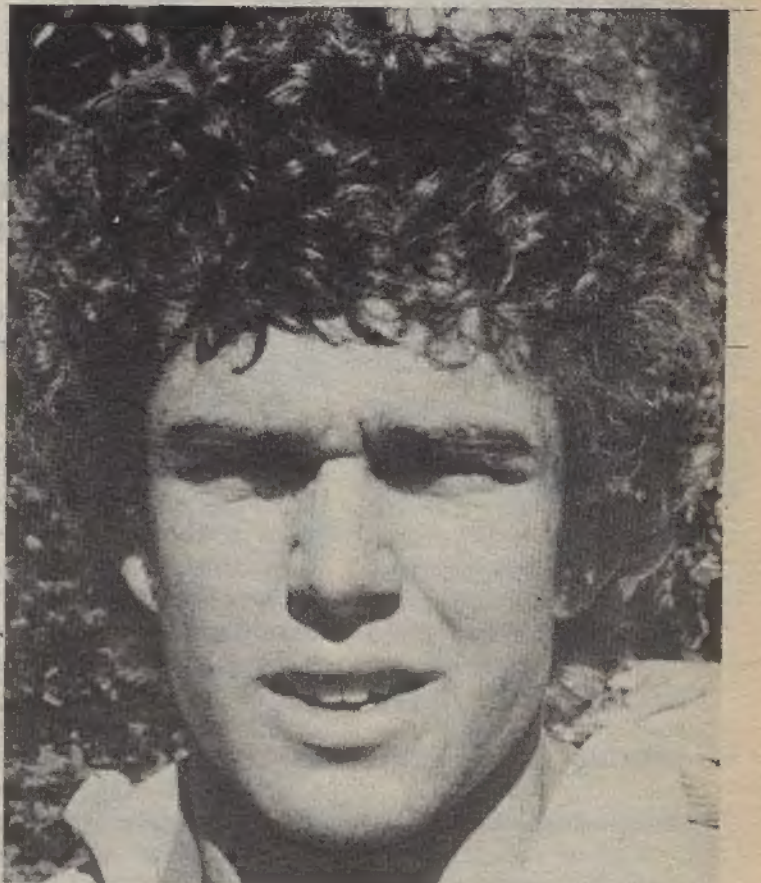
On Sunday at the St George Stadium the match between Olympic and Leichhardt now was of little consequence to either side, but both teams didn't appear to realise this and still played with plenty of enthusiasm.

Olympic, who started in fine style, took an early lead with a powerful 25 metre drive from Arthur Svinos, but they appear to suffer the same malady as their NSL side for they fizzled out in the second half and allowed Leichhardt to snatch two goals against the run of play through Frank Speranza and Tony Genovese.

After these goals, Leichhardt started to play some good football and finished the stonger of the two sides. Arthur Svinos, Alex Servas, Louis Dounis and Steve Melisourgas were best for Olympic. Whilst for Leichhardt; Tony Genovese, Robert Bonaro and Gary Van Egmond stood out.



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BATHURST BOYS NOTCH UP 415!

BATHURST PBC under 13s this season won their second successive grand final and finished as undefeated premiers. They scored 97 goals and did not concede a goal.

Team coach, Peter Cole made history for the club as he coached both PBC teams. He also coaches the Mitchell Association Under 13 Representative team and the Western NSW Under 13 Representative team, who this season contested the Mini Ampol Cup series and the State Championships, ending as country champions.

During the past six

years the side has completely dominated its age division.

The Roos won the premiership title for five of those six years. In 1979, the year the team failed to win the grand final, they finished runners-up.

Over the six seasons the team has scored a total of 415 goals and conceded only 11.

All but two of the team make up the Mitchell (Bathurst) Association Representative team and five of that side represented Western NSW in the State Championships last and this year. Last season saw the Western NSW team become the first team from the country to win the State Championships against Sydney teams in the Under 12 division.

Team Members are: Richard Crisp, Chris McGill, Brett Langford, Michael Lappan, Aaron Comiskey, Stuart Brown, Paul Toole, David Clancy, D a r r e n Maroun, Dail Ryan, Tim Stephens, Scott Clarke, Damian Goodsell, Brendon Grey & Matthew Sweetnam. The team is coached by Peter Cole and managed by Barry Ryan and John Langford.



"Even your professional fouls look unprofessional."

BANK ON THE BANK

THE Commonwealth Bank has strongly indicated that it will continue its sponsorship of the State wide High School Soccer competition next year.

At an end of season luncheon for Combined High Schools representatives, Commonwealth Bank executives and members of the media, the Bank was most positive in its continued support for High School Soccer. Which is all great news for Soccer.

The Commonwealth Bank's sponsorship is one of the most prestigious in Soccer and the fact that it promises to go into its third year in 1984 is welcome news indeed.

Since the Commonwealth Bank became involved two years ago, Marsden High School (1982) and Kogarah High School (1983) have won the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup in which 288 High Schools entered this year.



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

KOGARAH High School, winners of this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup have accepted a challenge from the Victorian High School winners, Richmond High.

The challenge, obviously to decide the best High School team in Australia, will most likely be played in Richmond on Wednesday, November 23.

Kogarah became the first St George High School to win the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup when they beat Lismore's Kadina High School in the final at Marconi Stadium last month.

The battle of the NSW champion and its Victorian counterpart is almost certain to see future challenge matches between the respective champions.

STEPHENS SPORTS TRAVEL

wishes to announce that individual, group and team itineraries for Australian teams to compete in European youth and senior tournaments for 1984 and 1985 are now being drawn up by Stephens team of sporting travel experts for further particulars contact John Lane or Gillian Harman (02) 231 3833

SMITH CALLS IT A DAY



TERRY Smith in action, left and inset, the former Stoke City, Western Suburbs, St George, Sydney Slickers, and in more recent times Manly striker has called it a day.

His duties as a sales executive of the Wedgewood Group in Sydney together with the passing years has prompted Smithy to finish his first division playing days.

The elegant and free scoring striker was brought to Australia back in 1973 by the Western Suburbs club.

A year later he transferred to Saints where he scored two of Saints four goals in their 4-2 grand final win over Hakoah.

In 1975 Smith transferred to Hakoah (Sydney City) and was a key player in Slickers highly successful PSL days.

Playing for Manly this season, Terry finished the season as equal leading goalscorer in the NSW State League with 17 goals.



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SHODDY SHOW

ON SATURDAY, September 24, prior to the NSL game between Sydney Olympic and Preston at the Sydney Athletic Field, a game between two top women's teams was to be played between Australian champions, NSW and fourth place-getters, Nthn. NSW.

Unfortunately, this match was called off at the very last minute due to a misunderstanding.

Despite the fact that the girls had already hung up their boots for the season, they willingly agreed to play the exhibition game.

It is certain that some of the spectators, hardened by the tough physical contact game played by the NSL boys, would have been enthralled by the girls' skill and general play.

Despite the very short notice and dozens of phone calls to girls from up-country, Lionel Sneyd, the Nthn. NSW coach, was ready to get his team on the park.

The fact that the game was called off on the Friday evening meant that the country coach had to again spend money advising the girls of the cancellation.

I asked Mr Sneyd what it would have cost to get his girls down to Sydney for the game. He told me that all told, it would have cost over \$300 to play the exhibition match as requested.

This did not include the loss of wages and accommodation that some of the girls had to put up with.

I asked him what he expected to receive from the NSL clubs for staging the exhibition.

I was astounded to learn that not one cent would come their way after the game.

This is not the first time that an exhibition of top women's Soccer has been played before a men's match.

In previous years, NSW travelled to Newcastle to play Northern at the home of Newcastle United in the

old PSL days. They paid their train fare and hotel accommodation themselves, too. Women's Soccer was not so wise then as it is today and they willingly went there to promote their section of the code.

Northern NSW has been to Sydney before to play at Leichhardt's Lambert Park. They chartered a bus to come and each girl paid for the privilege.

At least they were thanked by the Leichhardt people and given refreshments.

To many people connected with the women's Soccer movement this shabby treatment is wearing a little thin.

The game has gone far and beyond the kick and giggle stage and has become a contest where skill and expertise on the field bring comments from the spectators who compare the clever movements exhibited with the similar movements of male players.

The game that would have been played between these two top teams would have displayed skills from players who have been selected in the Australian women's team which will be competing in the Oceania Cup in New Caledonia in November.

Paying the piper who plays the tune, is O.K. providing he is male, it would seem.

Paying the players who bring in the crowds, male or female, is something that must be considered before the 1984 season.

The days of nothing for nothing have gone out with laced-up Soccer balls.

The top woman player today is capable of providing an entertaining spectacle of skilful Soccer. Her accomplished performance should be recognised and terms or remuneration laid down when a request for an exhibition game is made.

AWSA: A WINNER

AS THE 1983 season comes to a close, we asked Elaine Watson, the president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association to sum up the year as she saw it.

Q: Elaine, there are many things that could be spoken about in regard to women's Soccer this year, but could you bring to mind some of the main things for our readers.

A: The 1983 Soccer year has seen the emergence of the under 15 Australian Championships. This has become a viable national competition and a showcase for the many talented youngsters who will probably carry the Australian banner in the world arena in the not too distant future.

A major step in our search for meaningful recognition by FIFA is the formation of the Women's Oceania. So far, the head body has only paid lip-service to the promotion and development of the largely untapped resource represented by women's Soccer.

It is hoped that they do not procrastinate much longer in the introduction of a world-wide competition. This would provide a catalyst for massive upsurge in membership.

It would also complement the men's events in the same way as already evident in golf, tennis and

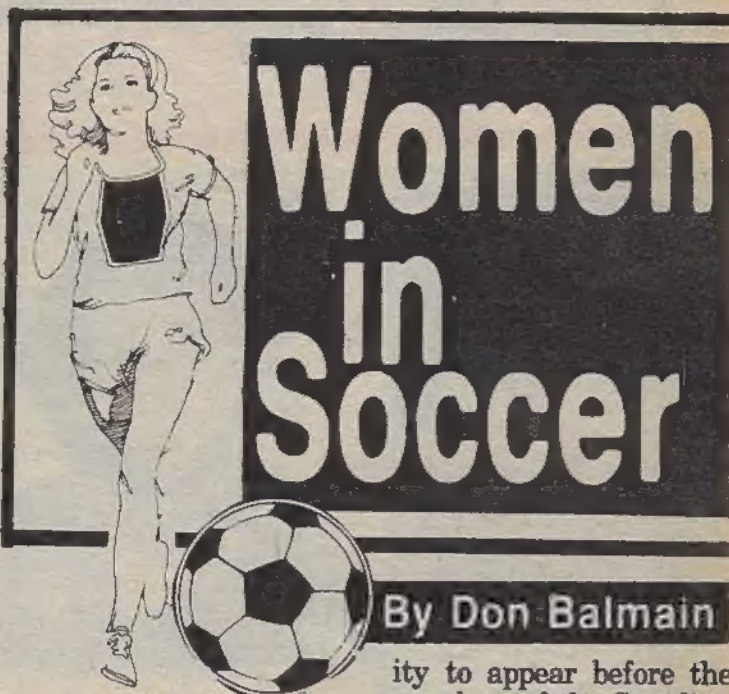
hockey.

Q: We read in the account of the National championships held recently, that some of the less skilful State teams are starting to show out in added ability. Would you like to comment on that?

A: The Open Championships again demonstrated an overall improvement in skills and tactics.

notice, it is hoped that the Chinese will be persuaded to repeat their offer, now that they are aware of the difficulties that we, as an amateur, non-government sport, have to contend with when we have to obtain the vitally necessary government sports grant.

We were fortunate in being given the opportu-



ACTION REPLAY

Marie-Louise Aguis (l) shows the captains determination that led Catholic College of Education to a division 3 grand final win over West Ryde Eagles.



Kerry Talor, Epping-Eastwood, plays the ball solidly away from Sandy Edwards (centre) and Cathy Clarke (right), Hills Memorial, in the Gladesville-Hornsby Division 1 Grand Final.



Ann Hirons, Gladesville Ravens, and Jane Kerkin, Normanhurst, contest a loose ball in the Gladesville-Hornsby Division 2 grand final.



Kathleen McClatchey, Ryde District Panthers, clears the ball quickly ahead of the onrushing Lisa O'Keefe, Gladesville Ravens, in the Gladesville-Hornsby U/16 grand final.

WATSON'S CROSSES

THERE have been many suggestions over the past few years on how to make our game more open and attractive to watch. All seem to have failed in producing the kind of exciting game the public wants to see.

Because of defensive patterns, offside traps and congested midfields, Soccer is often stifled into the middle of the park with players unable to find any space. So moves continually break down.

As player can be offside once inside their opponents half most defences push up to the halfway line as soon as the ball is in their opponents' half.

My idea is to add a new halfway line and make this the new boundary for offside as shown in the diagram.

Now defenders couldn't push up to the halfway line; instead they would have to drop back to the new offside line so as not to leave the opposition unmarked.

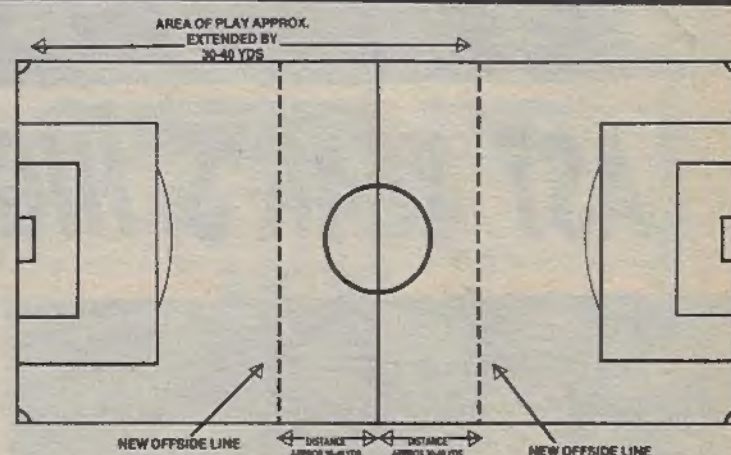
In fact, we've created 30-40 metres of space in the middle of the park giving players so much more space to create attacks.

I'm sure this would make our game much more attractive to watch.

None of the laws of the game would have to be changed, the offside rule would stay exactly as it is.

Only change is the area in which a player can be offside.

It would be interesting to hear from any ASW readers on their idea.



I MUST congratulate the Sydney City team which had a runaway victory in the NSL Youth League. With one game left to play, they were 12 points clear and had amassed a tremendous 62 goals in 23 games, conceding only 26. An outstanding goal indeed and one that augurs well for the future at Sydney City.

I'm sure many of these youngsters will be making their mark in the NSL in the near future.

Well done lads, I hope the senior team can make it a memorable double.



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ROBERT WHEATLEY, Blacktown City defender, has had a tremendous season. Playing at right-back or sweeper, Rob has played the season with determination and skill. He is the most dangerous overlapping fullback in the business



BRETT WOODS, Croatia, NSW1982 U/21 player of the year, has had an outstanding season. His explosive runs forward from tight defensive situations have contributed in many spectacular goals for Croatia.

ROTHMANS MEDAL EIGHT IN LINE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE QUEST for this year's NSW Rothmans gold medal will be one of the closest in recent years. No fewer than eight players from six different clubs in the State League should figure prominently.

Voting, by the referees, has gone on throughout the season and tonight, October 4, the best and fairest player in the NSW State League will be honoured.

The voting procedure for each game is based on a 3,2,1 points system and players are assessed by the referees in each game and points allocated accordingly. The grand total sums up the top player, an accolade of significance when you remember that the choice is made by the

men who control the game over a season where consistent form is paramount.

I have named just eight players who ought to poll plenty of votes, but such is the closeness of the contest this year, it wouldn't surprise me if I've missed the winner.

But I shall be very surprised if my selected eight are not in the final tally when made known to the assembled guests at Sydney's Hilton Hotel tonight.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1970 George Blues, APIA 23 points.
1971 Johnny Watkiss, HAKOAH 31 points.
1972 Manfred Schaefer, ST GEORGE BSC, 30 points.
1973 Johnny McDonald, AUBURN, 30 points.
1974 Mike Trebilcock, WESTERN SUBURBS, 19 points.
1975 John McDonald, SUTHERLAND, 26 points.

1976 Bruce Stowell, PAN HELLENIC, 32 points.
1977 Johnny Watkiss, SUTHERLAND, 26 points.
1978 Terry Butler, APIA, 27 points.
1979 John Lee, BANKSTOWN, 36 points.
1980 Neil Williams, CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE, 35 points.
1981 Dez Marton, ST GEORGE BSC, 30 points.
1982 John Stoddart, RIVERWOOD, 34 points.



ROBBIE STUART, Manly, their diminutive right flankman. His speed, pinpoint passing and high work rate has not gone unnoticed.



CLIVE EATON, Ku-Ring-Gai veteran striker. Clive is one of the deadliest finishers inside the area and his record speaks for itself — 17 goals in 24 games.



MICKEY CROSS, Melita Eagles captain has led the team with distinction, culminating in premier-ship success. His grafting work and combination with midfielder Billy Griffith has played a large part in Eagles success this year.



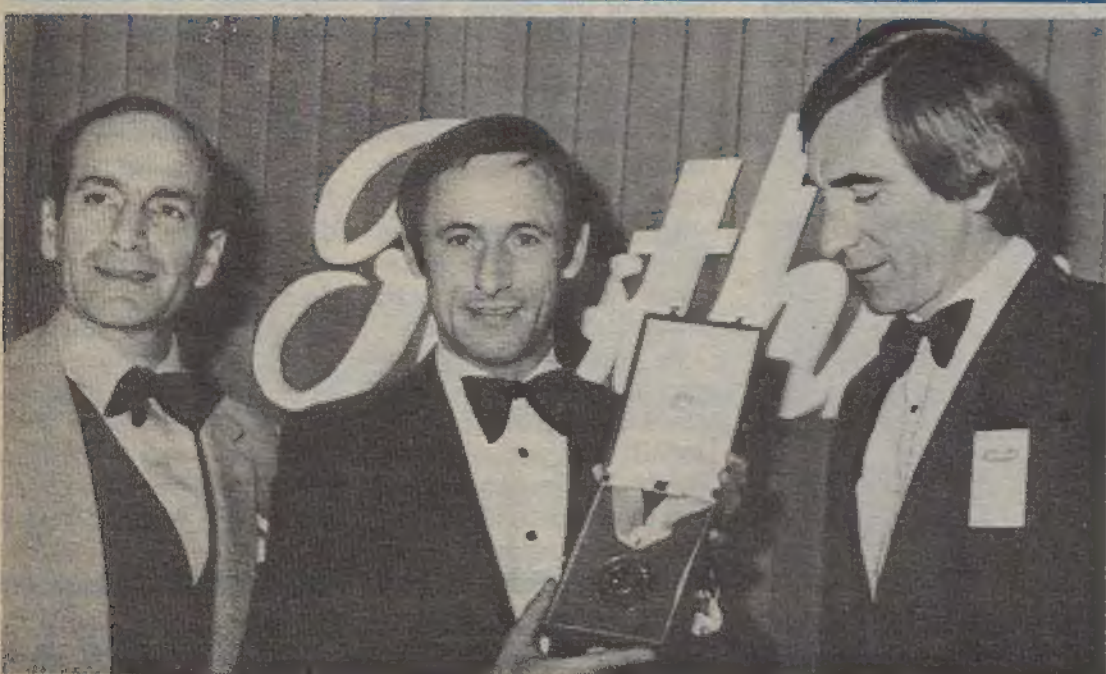
MARIJAN KOVACIC, also from Croatia, has been a vital cog in the midfield. A fine servant throughout many seasons at Croatia, Marijan has had another consistent season this year.



NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS, plays up front for Canterbury-Marrickville, equal leading goalscorer with Clive Eaton and Terry Smith, looks like being the "dark horse". Nick has scored 17 goals this year including three hat-tricks.



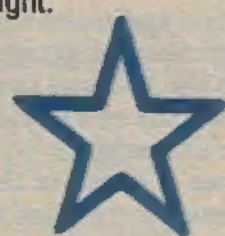
TERRY SMITH, Manly, central striker. Another veteran with 17 goals notched up. Retiring this year after a long and memorable career.



LAST YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS



PICTURED above is John Stoddart, centre, proudly holding his award. The quest of honour MP George Paciullo is on the left and Robert Page, NSW State manager of Rothmans is on the right.



Stoddart (pictured left) is congratulated by Johnny Watkiss, who is one of a pair of unique NSW double winners so far.

FOURTEEN STRIKES AND NOT OUT!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ONCE AGAIN the soccer season turns full circle and players in every state of Australia come under the microscope as they line-up for honours — the Rothmans Gold Medallion

The Rothmans Company makes available a striking and most valuable gold medal to each state and is awarded to the leading player in that state.

Tonight, at a lavish function held at The Grand Ballroom, in the Sydney Hilton International, the NSW Rothmans Gold Medal winner will be announced.

The Rothmans Medal Award came to being in 1970 when George Blues from the Apia Club became the first winner with 23 points.

SECOND OPINION

I too have made a selection and agree with my colleague above in his three nominees — **ROBERT WHEATLEY**, **MICKEY CROSS** and **MARIJAN KOVACIC**.

Blacktown's brilliant right-back and sometimes sweeper, **ROBBIE WHEATLEY**, who starred for the Australian World Youth team back in 1981, especially against World Champions, Argentina is a worthy candidate.

Melita's left-back skipper, **MICKEY CROSS**, who transferred from National League club Sydney Olympic, has had one of his best seasons to date.

Croatia's midfield general Marijan Kovacic has been one of the most consistent players in the State League for many seasons and will rank highly again this year.

WALLY SAVOR, Croatia's utility man, who can play in the midfield or forward line, has been the quiet achiever for Croatia this year. His skilful ballwork and delicate passing has resulted in many

goals this year.

Another striker, Melita's **JOHN MCKIE** has played his best season since transferring from Leichhardt. This year John has notched in 16 goals and has proven that he is one of the deadliest finishers in the business.

Since the inception of the Rothmans Medal, it has never been won by a goalkeeper.

Maybe this time a goalie could make a timely dive for it, and in my opinion, there is none better in the State League, (one of the best in Australia for that matter), than Croatia's outstanding **STEVE WATSON**.

Next week, ASW will publish a full resume of all point scorers in the Rothmans Medal Award together with photos from the evening.



John Lee, the 1979 medal winner.

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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

SAINTS CLINCH TITLE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

Warringah-Narrabeen Saints have won the second division championship with a captivating 3-2 win over Gladesville Ravens in extra-time.

Behind 2-1 late in the second-half, the Saints came back in a late surge to clinch victory.

Gladesville looked the better side for a majority of the game but the experienced Warringah defence absorbed the bulk of the Gladesville attacking pressure.

The first half was a disappointment for the spectators. Both teams played 'safety first' tactics waiting for the opposition to make a mistake.

But fortunately for the crowd, this arrived in the 16th minute. A communication breakdown in the Ravens defence allowed Warringah striker Killey

to slip through and drive the ball low into goal.

The second half was largely dominated by the Ravens attack. On a number of occasions they forced pressure on the Warringah goal.

In the 47th minute, a cross from Harris on the right side was headed straight to the Warringah 'keeper by his unmarked teammate Denton. Ravens' central striker, Jefferey, fired in a curling shot in the 58th minute but Dean was equal to the task with a magical save.

Gladesville received their just rewards by levelling the scores midway through the second

half. A cross from Kendall on the right touchline was confidently headed into goal by his unmarked teammate, Denton.

The Ravens maintained the pressure and broke the deadlock with a fine goal in the 77th minute. A cross from Harris on the right flank was unselfishly played back by Nile to teammate Harrison who made no mistake with his cracking drive.

Jefferey almost sealed Warringah's fate with only minutes remaining. He latched onto a through ball on the right side, cut inside two defenders and his powerful drive past the Warringah 'keeper

but bounced off the crossbar and out of danger.

Despite this setback for the Saints, they still pushed forward and scored the all important equaliser with minutes remaining to force extra-time. A corner from the right side was headed towards goal, Ravens 'keeper Carlisle parried the ball but Warringah substitute Friend was on hand to smash it home.

The highlight of the first period of extra-time was the "Rugby League" tackle made by Warringah defender Collinges on Ravens dangerman Jeffery, for at that moment, Ravens were pushing forward with four attackers and the Saints were left stranded with only two defenders.

Warringah scored their clincher in the second period of extra-time. Killey picked up a loose ball in the midfield, cut inside a defender and let loose with a tremendous 20 metre shot which hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced into goal.

Ravens' best chance to equalise and force a replay came with just seconds remaining. Ravens defender George leapt up to meet a corner from the right only to see it cleared off the line.

WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN: A. Dean, Sarge, Collinges, Yamine, Mick McDonagh, Chris Hanley, Mick Hanley (Eairle 77), Bulloch (Friend 81), Killey, Jim McDonagh, A. Dean.

GLADESVILLE RAVENS: Carlisle, Kendall (R. Jeffery 102), Harrison, George, Farrel, Baldwin, Harris, Zannolla, G. Jeffery, Naylor (Nile 64), Denton.

GOALS: Warringah-Narrabeen (Killey 16, 101, Friend 86), Gladesville Ravens (Denton 71, Harrison 77).



Peter Killey: scored two vital goals for Warringah-Narrabeen in their 3-2 Final victory over Gladesville Ravens.

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1ST GRADE FINAL

3.00pm Sutherland v Melita Eagles

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2ND GRADE FINAL

1.00pm Manly v Blacktown City

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3RD GRADE FINAL

11.30am Canterbury-Mar'ville v Melita Eagles

CROATIA CRUSH MELITA 2-0

BY GEORGE STREETER

CROATIA battled their way straight into the NSW 1983 Grand Final next Sunday week when they defeated Melita Eagles 2 - 0 at the Marconi Stadium.

In the 8th minute, Croatia's brilliant and consistent Brett Woods, put Wally Savor away down the right flank from where he crossed into Melita's box, but goalkeeper Alex McPherson rose high to make the save just under his crossbar.

In the 17th minute, Melita's Billy Griffith crossed to Johnny McKie who in turned slipped a short ball to Don Allan.

Allan shot wide from a good scoring position.

Melita's classy young striker, Wayne Farnsworth, having a great match, skilfully moved across Croatia's penalty area and passed to Allan, but again the tall striker shot well over the bar.

Croatia's Marijan Kovacic gained possession 25 metres out from the Melita goal and shot well on target, but McPherson pushed around the post for a corner. This was an excellent save.

Just five minutes from the break, Croatia's goalkeeper, Steve Watson, made a magnificent save from point blank

range, when Griffith blasted a 10 metre rocket shot well on target.

With the first half ending scoreless, Croatia came out for the second session determined to make a real fight of it.

Just 15 minutes after half-time, tragedy struck Melita when Ray Farrugia lost possession to Graham Arnold out on the left flank.

The Croatia striker pushed the ball to David Rezo 22 metres out. Rezo scored with a superb low drive.

With seven minutes to go, Croatia's left striker, the immaculate Peter Hensman, raced in to beat McPherson with a scorching drive into the far corner.

Outstanding for Croatia were midfield wizard, Marijan Kovacic, and once again Steve Watson who was unbeatable in goal.

For Melita, striker, Wayne Farnsworth, who seems to improve with every match, was magnificent and the lanky Billy Griffith was not too far behind with a great per-

formance.

Next Sunday, Melita has to take on Sutherland in the Final which has been set down for the St George Stadium.

CROATIA: Watson: A. Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo, Savour, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Hensman.

MELITA: McPherson: Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffiths, Farnsworth, McCausland, Allan, Farrugia, McKie.

REFEREE: G. Warne.
CROWD: 2,820.



Croatia's Peter Hensman

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 1983

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION - FINALS

Penrith United v Fairy Meadow	3rd Grade 1-2
Penrith United v North Bankstown	2nd Grade 1-0
Warringah Narr v Gl'ville Ravens	1st Grade 3-2

MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1983

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIV - SEMI-FINALS

Croatia Sydney v Cant.-M'ville Oly	3rd Grade 3-2
Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire	2nd Grade 0-2
Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney	1st Grade

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

FAIRY MEADOW won't be short of applicants when they select their new coach in the next few weeks.

With the club almost certain of a place in the depleted NSW State League in 1984 the man they choose will face a tough task.

He will be up against new teams week after week, making it very difficult to map out tactics.

Club secretary Walter Chichkan told ASW the job will be a big challenge to any coach but could be the making of him.

"We are a very ambitious club and we have some good players on our books," Chichkan said.

"Some of the youngsters in our under 18 team are the envy of some NSL clubs and that is why it is so important we get the right man as club coach."

"The boys need to be brought along into the top team as soon as possible."

Fairy Meadow's under 18's won the minor premiership in Sydney and were the only Federation side to top 100 goals for the season.

Watch out for names like Robert Brilliante and Tony Coradini in the next year or so — they are simply natural goalscorers, something hard to find in Soccer these days.

Fairy Meadow will stage a meeting tomorrow night (Wed) to form a company.

They want as many interested people as possible to attend after their recent rejection by Fraternity Bowling Club.

They asked the powerful licensed club for \$10,000 as a sponsorship but will now revert to forming their own company to ease their financial problems.

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WEST-FIGTREE'S iron man, midfielder Ian Lewis, has hung his boots up after helping his side win the Premier League grand final.

Lewis went to Figtree from Bellambi and has proved one of the hardest yet talented midfielders in the League.

Last year he played in the grand final replay against Shellharbour against doctors' advice after badly gashing a shin in the major semi-final.

The injury required 30 stitches and Lewis watched the final against

Bellambi on crutches.

Ten days later he turned out in the grand final replay, tackling as hard as ever and helping Figtree win the game 1-0.

Coach Luke Robaard said Lewis has been a model team player while at Figtree but a number of leg injuries have forced him into retirement.

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REFEREE Rex Leighton did a good job controlling this season's grand final despite being involved in two disallowed goals.

Leighton disallowed a goal to Warilla and later another to Figtree as the game really came to life in the second half.

It was Leighton's third Premier League grand final and he seems to have established himself as the number one whistler in Illawarra.

Now the Soccer season is over he is "padding up" for another cricket season with the Wollongong Club as a wicketkeeper-batsman.

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NEWSPAPER ads are of special interest to Soccer coaches in Illawarra this time of the year as clubs try to get in first to sign

their coaches for next season.

Shellharbour coach John Bingham has finished his three-year stint and is looking for another job as is Robert Fryer, who has been with Coniston for five years.

Fernhill's Daryl Glover has indicated he would like another season with the club while Norm Flanagan seems happy with Bulli.

Luke Robaard and Phil Carr are leaving Figtree but don't be surprised if they turn up together with another club next season — not necessarily in Premier League.

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ILLAWARRA Soccer is alive and well judging by the Premier League grand final.

It drew a crowd of 2,408 and the ISA deserves full marks for its promotion — the highlight being the Parramatta Rugby league cheer girls.

These attractive young ladies attracted more interest from the male spectators than the players.

Man of the match was Figtree captain Larry Berringer, who scored his team's first goal in their 3-1 win.

Berringer should now make it his business to be trialling with Wollongong City when the new season starts.

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THE LOFTUS Rovers Premier league teams are having a great year, reports GLEN ROBINSON.

They have won the NSW Amateur Cup from over 100 teams throughout NSW. This is the second year in the last four in which they have been successful.

They have won the Admiral Cup, which is the award for the premier

league, and they did this in style with both the first and second grades winning their competitions.

Manager Jim Hopkins said, "We have won the Amateur Cup and the Admiral Cup — we are now after the Champion

of Champions."

The first grade are in the Grand Final for the Frank Tyrrel trophy and the seconds are well in for the Laurie Dean trophy.

Perhaps they can pull it off — it has never before been achieved.

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NORTHERN CHAMPS (CENTRAL COAST)



(From left): (Back): P. Mano, T. Mason, D. Eggleton, P. Hamill, J. Bryden, G. Gibson, W. Maguire, Bill Vrolyks (coach). (Front): P. Corbert, A. Stead, D. Petersen, D. Fitzsimmons, L. Tate (capt), A. Stowell.

ROCKDALE BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ROCKDALE, relegated from first division in the NSW State League last year, bounced back with a vengeance to win the second division from Warringah-Narrabeen.

Early in the season, pressure was placed on the committee to ensure that they gain promotion to the first division and slowly changes were made within the club to reach this goal.

Current coach Iliya Takac was signed up by the club in the 8th round. With his brand of tactics, knowledge and most importantly, discipline, their first division berth has been assured.

Rockdale purchased three enterprising players during the off-season. Ross Brown (Canterbury-Marrickville), Alan Ainslie (Riverwood) and Kenny Slaveski (Riverwood). Kenny, at only 16, was a regular first grade player up until the 17th round when an injury forced him out of the side.

And Rockdale strengthened their ranks during the season with the purchase of four more players: Branko Karanfilovski (Avala), Kevin Dobson, David Smith and Victor Juchniewicz (Riverwood).

They boasted one of the

best defences in the League with captain Bill Pilovski controlling play from the sweepers position.

A blend of experience in the forward line also helped their cause with Branko Karanfilovski and Ross Brown netting 12 and 19 goals respectively.

But all this talent is homeless and last week club secretary, Jim Trajcevski, expressed his need for a home ground in the local area.

"We have had problems all year securing a home ground. Negotiations in the near future with

Rockdale council will hopefully end this constant problem," Trajcevski added.

Rockdale are aiming for the future and are in the process of forming their own under 13,14,15,16 Federation junior sides.

This will enable the club to have the own nursery of juniors to select from instead of constantly buying players in the transfer market.

At the moment both the committee coach Takac are employing a positive youth policy within the club. Kenny Slaveski (16), Vasko Nikolovski (16) and Jim Ristevski (17) will be playing in the first grade side in the first division next year.



Standing left to right: G.Matheson, F.Robin, G.Wilson, R.Brown, J.Tuntevski, B.Pilovski, P.Trajanovski, Kneeling left to right: V.Juchniewicz, J.Ristevski, N.Kotsohombus, D.Smith, B.Karanfilovski

SHARKS SURGE ON

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BLACKTOWN City bowed out of the 1983 Championship after going down to Sutherland 1-0 in the semi-final replay at Melita Stadium.

The game was almost a replica of the first semi-final played two weeks ago at Melita Stadium. That day both defences stood ground and no goals were scored in 110 minutes of Soccer.

Last Saturday's game looked like heading to another replay before Sutherland captain Steve Meades broke the deadlock in the 78th minute with a scorching goal.

Although the game was fought tenaciously between both defences, the Sharks looked more threatening early on.

In the 15th minute Mark Harrington found himself within scoring range but miskicked the ball wide of goal.

In the 19th minute a powerful 15 metre shot from Nigel Groome was superbly pushed over the bar by Demons' keeper, Barry Hoare.

Young Blacktown striker, Michael McLaughlin, replied to this pressure with a confident drive just wide of the Sharks goal in the 30th minute.

With minutes remaining before the break, Sutherland striker Shane Clinch had a perfect chance to put Sutherland ahead but he failed to connect to Steve Meades cross with the goal at his mercy.

The Demons started the second half in a rejuvenated fashion. McLaughlin put teammate Warren Turnbull through but his

close in drive at goal was deflected wide for a corner.

Sutherland's Groome produced the most spectacular shot of the game in the 60th minute. A powerful dipping 45 metre drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Hoare.

The Demons best chance to hit the lead came in the 63rd minute. Stuart Selva struck the ball from 30 metres against the Sutherland crossbar.

With just 12 minutes remaining, Steve Meades sealed the Demons fate with his stinging 25 metre shot which gave Hoare no chance.

For Sutherland, Arron Scharfegger filled in cap-

ably for Vic Dal Forno in defence, Mal Haynes was safe in goal and Mark Harrington and Nigel Groome were creative in attack.

For the Demons, Hoare couldn't be faulted in goal, Robert Wheatley played solidly in defence and Stuart Selva worked tirelessly in midfield.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Quarumby, Turnbull, Wheatley, Pointer, Selva, Brogan, Stoddart, Lumsdaine, McLaughlin, Larkin.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Scharfegger, Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs (Webber 71), Groome, Meades.

GOALS: Sutherland (Meades 78).

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ITALIAN CLUBS BOYCOTT CUP?

SOME CLUBS taking part in the Victorian Italy Cup competition in November say they may boycott the tournament.



Sam Manenti

Already National League prospects, Brunswick Juventus, have protested because they have not been seeded as one of the leading Italian clubs

in the 20-club competition.

Their team manager, Joe Caruso, says: "It's disgusting to think that we are not one of the top teams in the seedings when we beat State League champions Green Gully and also tossed Melbourne Croatia, the League runners-up."

"We will register our protest by sending an Under 18 team to the Italy Cup this year."

The tournament, now in its eighth year, will be held at Jukes Road ground, Fawkner, the home of the Fawkner State League club.

Last year it was held at Bulleen Veneto Social Club's ground in Bulleen Road and according to Juventus president, Sam Manenti, "it was a tremendous success."

He says small clubs should host the Cup because it puts them on the Soccer map in Victoria.

There is also objection to the way the venue was chosen for the tournament this year.

Some clubs say it should have been decided by the vote of the 20 clubs taking part but they were not consulted.

One leading Italian Soccer club official said there were plans next year to make it "a real Italy Cup" by inviting clubs from interstate to participate.



Joe Caruso

Clubs he mentioned were Leichhardt of Sydney, Adelaide City, Juventus of Melbourne and an Italian team from Tasmania.

He said the final could be played in either Sydney or Melbourne according to the wish of those clubs taking part.

SOCCER SAPLING

A MAN who left Melbourne 15 years ago to work in England says there has been big growth in Soccer here during that period.

He is Don Sutherland, a former chairman of the Metropolitan League and also a former Sandringham City player.

Don says he has noticed the big growth in juniors as when he left there were only about 300 youngsters playing the game in League competition.

He also noticed the growth in administration and there were far more clubs in Victoria than there were when he was last here.

Don took his four year old son, Don junior, to England where he took up Soccer and represented the Public Schools. Don jnr. is now playing for Bulleen Veneto in the Provisional League division one and last week he finished third in the voting for the best and fairest at the club.

Don has an ambition to one day represent Victoria in interstate competition.

JUVE BEST BUY!

KEVIN LLOYD the Juventus striker has proved himself to be one of the best buys in the State league over the past season.

Lloyd arrived in Australia 12 months ago and played the second half of last season with Albion Rovers.

After a good performance against the Juve side

BY GARY CUTLER

president Sam Manenti decided that Lloyd would fill a striker's position with them.

Juventus team manager Joe Caruso told ASW "We have been very pleased with the way Kevin has performed over the past season."

"He has given everything, and that is all we can ask of any player. We have made the most of him up front as well as in the middle of the park," said Joe.

His best performance was when he appeared as a substitute in the game against Croatia at Olympic Park.



Kevin Lloyd

With the side down two, he scored to inspire the wilting team and set Juve up with a chance at the title.

Lloyd has a good track record. Before he came to Australia, he played with Cardiff City, Gillingham and later Worcester City.

Kevin said: "I was happy playing at home but when Frank Munro approached me with an offer to come to Australia then I decided to take up the challenge and come."

"I must admit that the standard is not as high as I expected but even so I am enjoying it out here and hope to seek permanent residence within the next few weeks."

With Juventus almost certain to go into the NSL next year, he will be in top company where he belongs.

His old UK club Worcester City have been trying to tempt the blonde striker to return.

But, Lloyd is set to stay and settle.



Fabio Incantalupo (left) of Juventus and Dave Hogden (Green Gully) race for the ball. Will Fabio play in the Italian Cup?

PRE-SEASON NIGHT CUP IN DOUBT, BUT...

WHO PLAYS?

WITH AMPOL pulling out of the traditional night Cup next year there is doubt about whether a pre-season tournament will be held at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

There is talk at Soccer House that Lew Stafrace, chairman of the VSF publicity and promotion committee (now in Fiji on holiday), has found a sponsor to replace Ampol.

But the problem is to establish who should play in the series.

This year the four NSL clubs from Victoria and the top four in the State League took part and the competition was a tremendous success financially. It also drew the crowds to Soccer's headquarters.

But with the applica-

tion of nine clubs in the State League for inclusion in next year's National League, and not knowing who'll receive the nod, it is difficult to select the teams for a pre-season night competition.

The Ampol Cup is held by State League champions Green Gully who have won the title for the third year in succession.

It is not a record as South Melbourne did the same thing in the 60's.

Gully's president, Guy Spiteri, said this week: "We hope to win the triple again this year — we al-

ready have the Ampol now we want the State League Cup and the Dockerty Cup.

The finals of the State League Cup will be played at Olympic Park next Sunday with the first game starting at 1.15 pm.

OUT OF SIGHT?

ALBION Rovers have lost one of their longest serving committee men.

Alex McArthur who has been connected with the club for the past 20 years, has not been sighted there for a number of weeks.

This is the second long serving committee man to be lost to the club this season. The other one was Russell Wilson who was voted off the committee at the start of the season.

-GARY CUTLER

GOOD ON YOU, SPORT!

MORWELL Falcons have proved that there can be good feelings between clubs off the pitch writes GARY CUTLER.

After the Green Gully club had won their third successive League title, all the Falcons players and committee who were playing at nearby Sunshine George Cross gave them another surprise.

Eric Hutton, Falcons public relations man, told me: "We have always had good relations with the Gully club and it was a wonderful achievement to win the title three times in a row."

"We all went over to congratulate them on their success and to have a drink with the lads," said Eric.

Good to see there can still be some sporting gestures in the game.

JUVENTUS TAKE STATE AND CUP

JUVENTUS WON not only the Statewide Cup when it beat Devonport in this cup final, but also the State Championship, reports VAN DIEMEN.

Juventus, the Cadbury State League (South) champion, and Devonport, the champion of the Combined North and North-west State League, agreed that this match also would decide the State Championship, thus making it unnecessary to play for that title on the normal home-and-away basis.

Devonport must have regretted its decision by half-time when it found itself 2-0 down to a Juventus side that was brimming with confidence. Di Felice put the Italian side in front after only 8 minutes with a goal that looked suspiciously offside.

Pace won a crunching tackle against Smith, the ball rebounded off Pace to Di Felice who was left with only the goalkeeper to beat, and he did so easily.

Juventus' second, in the 23rd minute, was clear-cut. Ward run the ball to the bye-line on the right before cutting it back perfectly for Pace to run on to and fire home.

Devonport's two first-half chances fell to Frame and Andrew Rimmer, but, they headed and shot just over the bar. Juventus ended the half with a flurry as Adams had to save a ferocious angled drive from Pace.

Devonport pressed strongly in the second half only to see good approach work marred by poor finishing. McKenna and Pizzerani were worrying Juventus down the left flank and at least three crosses from this duo should have resulted in goals. Abley's headers, however, were always either too weak or else directed straight at Craven.

Ward had a superb game for Juventus, making a goal for Pace and laying on several more chances for his teammates. It was fighting, therefore, that Juventus' third goal, two minutes from the end, came from his cross. Di Felice con-

trolled the cross, then calmly sidestepped a defender and the goalkeeper before shooting into an empty net.

Tamanian Statewide Cup Final (South Hobart, 25 September, 1983)

Juventus-Pioneer 3 (Di Felice 8, 88, Pace 23)

Devonport 0

HT: 2-0 Att: 1000 Ref: J. Johnston

Juventus: Craven — Cochrane, Charlton, Di Martino, Lapolla — Bacon, Pace, Ambrossino — Genovesi, Ward, Di Felice.

Devonport: Adams — A. Rimmer, Smith, (Rigby 15), Best, S. Rimmer — Gleeson, Parke, Frame (McKenna 46) — Sawdon, Abley, Pizzerani.

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IN THE first semi-final of the Cadbury League Final Four series, Olympia defeated Croatia-Glenorchy 3-1 with goals by Sherman, Patiniotis and Wright.

Croatia's Thomas missed a penalty in the 17th minute before Huigsloot gave it the lead with a header in the 25th minute, following a corner. Sherman equalized on the half hour and substitute Patiniotis put the Greek side in front early in the second half when Nichols cut the ball back from the bye-line for the short, stocky striker to steer home inside the far post.

Croatia, coached by Ken Morton for the Final Four series, continued to create chances but could not equalize. Cahut hit the bar with a superb 25-metre drive and Oakes missed three 'sitters' from close range.

Tommy Wright, the veteran of the Olympia side, sealed the issue when he scored the third goal in the dying seconds of the match.

Olympia must now beat the loser of the second semi-final, between Juventus and Rapid-Wrest Point, in order to qualify for the final.

MONAGLE GOLD

BY VAN DIEMEN

FORMER Heidelberg player, Liam Monagle (27), has won the 1983 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania. The former Irish youth international is in his second year with Combined North and North-west State League side, Ulverstone.

Monagle won the medal with 33,843 votes (Northern players' votes were multiplied by 1.167 because they only played 18 League matches compared to Southern players' 21 matches) from second-placed Ian Parker of Caledonians on 26 votes.

The modest, articulate schoolteacher — Monagle teaches mathematics and geography at Launce-

ston's St Patrick's College — arrived in Australia three years ago to join Heidelberg in the PSL. After a season with Heidelberg, Monagle transferred to Ulverstone, a team that won the Ampol Cup in his first year with them.

Monagle is uncertain of his future with Ulverstone. He lives and trains in Launceston but travels



AXED CLUBS TO FIGHT

THREE Queensland clubs axed two weeks ago from the Federation's Brisbane competitions intend to fight the decision.

And support is coming out of the woodwork for the clubs — Nerang (Gold Coast), St Albans and Willoburn (both Toowoomba) — which are mounting strong appeals against the decision.

The three clubs, backed by their local Associations and even local politicians, are formulating strong appeals against the QSF restructuring sub-committee's recommendation to axe clubs outside the general metropolitan area from the Brisbane competitions next season.

The clubs have been told to return to their local competitions, despite in some cases an Association with the Brisbane competition of clubs.

A motion to have the minute carrying the resolution rescinded was defeated 21-26.

The basis of the club's appeals is believed to be that the vote accounted for only half of the QSF member clubs and affiliates, and was not a majority opinion.

The Gold Coast Soccer Association, whose competition the re-structuring committee wants Nerang to play in, last week passed a motion supporting the club's bid to stay in Brisbane.

Only two delegates voted against the motion, which an Association official said was put not to indicate the Coast would not welcome Nerang back to protest against what they felt was an unfair decision.

The coast's junior association has also backed Nerang's fight, claiming young players on the holiday strip would lose their last opportunity to be seen in Brisbane.

The two Toowoomba clubs have enlisted the aid of local MLA, Dr John Lockwood, who is studying the QSF Constitution and has advised the clubs concerned to father support and call a special general meeting on the issue.

But the most immediate avenue open to the clubs is to pay a \$60 appeal fee and have the matter go to the QSF's independent appeals committee.

It is understood at least one club has already done that and a date for the hearing is likely to be held soon.



Liam Monagle of Ulverstone (c), the 1983 Tasmanian Rothmans Gold Medal winner, with the Tasmanian Premier, Mr Robin Gray (l), and the State Manager of Rothmans, Mr Wright.

to Ulverstone, on Tasmania's north-west coast, for matches. He has no desire to leave Launceston but he is a little tired of the constant travel required in order to play for Ulverstone.

Ulverstone is coached by Otto Klaus, a former coach in New South Wales.

Voting Details: 1) Liam Monagle (Ulverstone) 33,843, 2) Ian Parker (Caledonians) 26, 3) Steven Kannegiesser (Rapid-Wrest Point) 24, 4) Peter Sawdon (Devonport) 23, 5) Chris Hey (Olympia) 21, 6) Peter Saville (Launceston Juventus) 19, 7) John Charlton (Juventus-Pioneer) 18.

THE QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation has stalled again in the naming of the 10 teams to play in the new Premier League next season.

QSF restructuring committee chairman, Ald Ian Brusasco, confidently announced less than a month ago that the league would be finalised "within a few weeks".

But now the committee has announced a schedule that will see the successful applicants remain a secret until October 18.

And that's more than a coincidence that the date is after the local finals.

The biggest bone of contention in the restructuring has been the placement of the National League reserve sides.

The City and Lions seconds played state league last year then premier league this season, but have been strongly criticised from many quarters for contributing nothing and denegrating the competition.

While City, in a rebuilding program, did nothing this year and finished bottom, Lions won their way into the finals.

It is plainly obvious, if the restructuring committee has elected to leave out the NSL clubs, how embarrassing it would be for the federation to axe one of its finals teams.

The federation already has been embarrassed by the axing of Nerang and St Albans recently. The two clubs finished high in the second division.

Ald Brusasco claims the delay has only been implemented to allow the finals to receive the full attention of the media, rather than being pushed

QSF STALL

into the background by any premier league announcement.

While that may be a legitimate excuse, the restructuring committee cannot keep stalling.

Sooner or later they are going to have to announce their new teams — and all hell is going to break loose, no matter which way they go.

Ampol Cup winners, Ipswich United were the first team to bow out of the premier league finals.

They were beaten 1-0 by Lions in the knockout

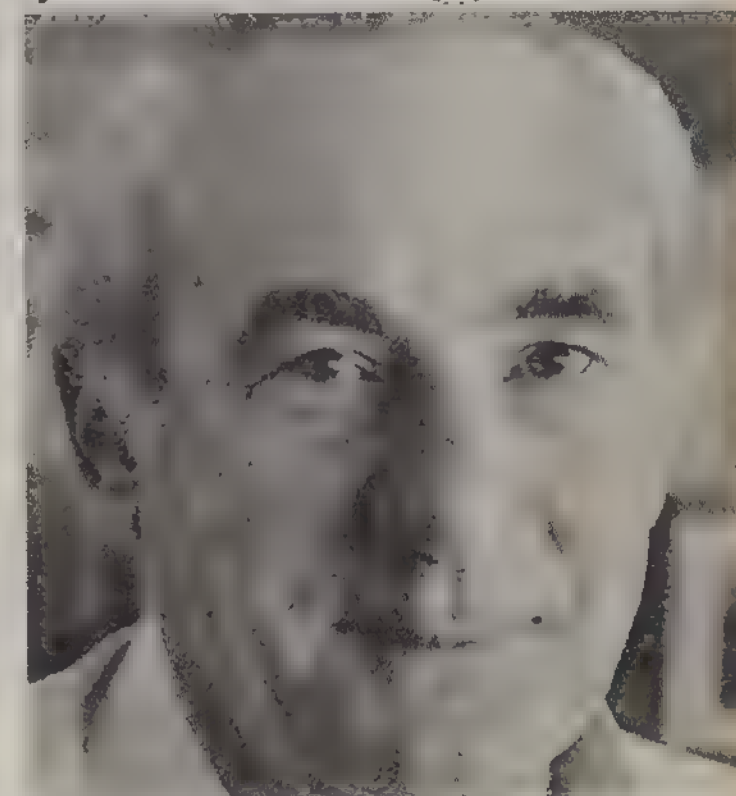
semi-final. Lions got their winners mid-way through the second half when Barry Kelso rose high above the Ipswich defence to powerfully head home a perfect Jim McDonagh cross.

Ipswich matched the confident Lions for many periods but fell away after an early second half onslaught.

The major semi-final between rivals Mount Gravatt and Olympic was forced to a replay after the match ended 3-3 after extra-time.

Mount Gravatt lead early but Olympic equalised then went ahead before the Hawks came back to level and force extra time.

Olympic seemed to be headed for the final, to be played this weekend, when they went ahead for the first period of the extra time but a controversial goal minutes from the final whistle forced a replay.



Brusasco

CANBERRA COUNTRY AND CITY

REVAMP DEBATE

CANBERRA SOCCER administrators are expected to start debate in the next fortnight on the possible revamping of Canberra's city and country divisions for 1984 reports STEVE BURNS

Already at least one additional NSW country club wants to enter the country division.

There is no doubt that there is a gulf in the standard of play between the country and city divisions.

The country division is vastly superior.

But how the divisions could be restructured is the sixty-four thousand dollar question.

One possibility is to strengthen the country division from its existing eight teams — or possibly 10 teams — to more. The city division could even then be disbanded with what remains of its teams being absorbed into the Canberra (amateur) league.

This would suit some clubs who are finding it extremely difficult to raise the finances to function in the city division.

It would not, however, suit all clubs and politically it would be contentious, raising the question of the distribution of voting strength.

The whole question of the restructuring is also made even more complex by the availability of

grounds in the ACT for Soccer, more particularly how long those grounds would be available if one had a single, expanded league.

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THIS could be a bunch of boys in Melbourne, Sydney or Perth — but it isn't.

This picture was taken in East Germany where over 10,000 children gathered recently to take part in the annual Sports Festival (Spartakiad).

BLACKTOWN United, (a member club of the Blacktown district soccer association), has had a very successful year with a good number of the teams either winning, or being placed in the top three of their district's competitions.

An example of how to play the game of soccer at Blacktown United was shown by the under six yellow, under 11/1 and the under 15/1, just some of the successful teams this year.

The emphasis at Blacktown United is to play the game as a team and these teams did exactly that with great success.

Listed are the names of the players and the record of each team.

UNDER 6 YELLOW:

This team played a newly formed mini competition but showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with in a few years time they were the highest scoring team in the Blacktown district winning all their 14 games and scoring 118 goals for with only two against.

The only player not to

score for this team was Adam Cooper the goalkeeper. This team also won the "Alexander Annuad" Memorial Trophy, run by the Condor Willmott Soccer Club by winning all seven games, scoring 31 goals to nil overall.

In this knockout they had the help of some of the under 6 green players who were, Wade Terrett, Lincoln Colinridge, and Ryan Bell.

UNDER 11-1

Played 12 games winning 11 and drawing one. This team won their competition by four points from the runners up scoring 66 goals for and five

against, every player in this team scored goals including the goalkeeper.

Seven of these boys from the team of 12 players are members of the highly successful Blacktown Association representative squad, they are J. Fleeting, S. Elliott, M. Lenz, S. Xuereb, K. Healy, D. Bull and J. Cooper.

Pictured Back: D. McIntyre, S. Elliott, J. Fleeting, J. Saliba, J. Cooper. **Middle:** B. Maloney, M. Lenz, D. Wagner, D. Bull. **Front:** K. Healy, S. Xuereb, B. Bull U-9-1, B. Fleeting U-9-1, T. Bell. Trophy is from Revesby knock-out which the team won at the beginning of

the season.

UNDER 15-1

This team played 15 games, winning 14 and drawing one, they won the competition from the runners up by 10 points, scoring 113 goals for and five against.

Every player in this team scored goals, including the goalkeepers.

Pictured Back: J. Cresswell (physio), J. Ramirez, J. Hanna, B. Cirbs, M. Troselj, J. McCrea, M. Miller, A. Haramis, S. Harris, R. Duffy (Coach). **Front:** J. Xuereb (manager), A. Cresswell, D. Smith, G. Xuereb, D. Glover, I. Wells. **Absent:** M. Shillington.

THERE'S NO HOLDING THESE BOYS BACK



STUART MAKES READY

STUART Nolan of Coffs Harbour will tour England next January with the Auburn Youth team.

He will be one of 14 players on the trip.

When Coffs Harbour firm Unipart learnt of the possibility of Stuart joining the tour they paid the \$250 individual sponsorship needed to help him on his way — a fine gesture indeed.

Playing with Coffs Harbour United, Stuart has been involved from U6 to U13. In addition he represented first Mid North Coast and then Northern Rivers from U10 to U13.



He trains three days each week at the Bananacoast Fitness Centre under the personal supervision of Noel Pollard.

He has been particularly working on sprints from 20 to 50 metres, and has the advantage that his father Jim has a Soccer field on his property.

Whilst his overseas favourite player is the great Socrates of Brazil, it is no surprise that his local favourite is Gary Philips of Sydney Olympic.

Gary, a great midfielder for the Sydney National League club, distinguished himself in the Coffs Harbour junior Soccer nursery.

AUBURN BOYS



ANTHONY ALLEN

CLUBS: Guildford County, Lidcombe Waratahs.
POSITIONS: Left Fullback, Left Half, Centre Back.
PLAYING RECORD: Guildford — 1 season, Lidcombe — best and fairest for 5 seasons.
AMBITION: To play for Australia.
TOUR: Visiting Enfield and Wembley Stadium.
ENJOYMENT: Playing the game.
STRENGTH: Defence.
WEAKNESS: Lack of aggression.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Craig Johnston.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITES: Paolo Rossi, Maradona.
OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis, racketball.
COACH'S COMMENT: A good boy who shows tremendous potential as a defender, trains well, good left peg.



DAVID BONNYMAN

CLUBS: Pickingham (West Aust), Lidcombe Churches.
POSITIONS: Right Half, Right Fullback.
PLAYING RECORD: Captained all school games in Scotland and here.
AMBITION: Play in an English 1st division side.
TOUR: Meeting experienced and professional players.
ENJOYMENT: Winning.
STRENGTH: Tackling.
WEAKNESS: Long clearances.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Jimmy Patikas.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Kenny Dalglish.
OTHER SPORT: Swimming.
COACH'S COMMENT: David is the smallest player in the U/13 competition but lacks nothing in heart. Never gives up with his aggressive tackling being his strength.



GOOD ON YOU MUM!

CAROLE takes the Mighty Mounts pictured above, to their first division premiership in a row.

The Mt Gravatt U/11 Div. 1 play in the Southern Brisbane district competition, where this season they won all of their 24 games.

The highlight for the boys this season was winning the major championship grand final which was held at Perry Park. They were the curtain raisers to Mt Gravatt's

premier league side in the Ampol Cup final.

The team are known in Brisbane as the Carnival Kings. Since U/7, they have won an amazing 10 carnivals and conceded only 1 goal, which came from a penalty.

In this years premiership games they have scored 75 goals and conceded only three.

Carole Carwin has coached this team since U/7 Div. 1, yes Carole is the good looking one on the left, her husband Mike is the manager.

Carole has been asked many times what is the secret of her success and her answer always is her love for the game and being able to communicate with children.

Back in 1979 Carole

had only the one son, Richard, and after all these years she is now the mother of 12 boys.

The team: Back: C. Carwin (Coach), M. Carwin (Manager). Centre: Z. Mina, D. Fleming, P. Johnston, M. Oksanen, C. Wheatley, G. Bland. Front: J. Frampron, J. Albietz, R. Taylor, K. Tatten, R. Carwin, S. Deane.

'MARK!'

BRAD Dalkeith of Blacktown Assn's U14 Youth League team, shows how to mark up tightly, although his opponent is on the turn to move into open space. The action is from the popular Polonia Cup.



WELL HEELED



IT'S all eyes on the ball as an under 9 years player from Strathfield successfully passes the ball to his team mate before the Belmore players can gain possession.

The Belmore side tried hard but were no match for the Strathfield team which continually passed the ball around giving them control of the game.

The game ended in a 5-0 win to Strathfield which put them into the semi-finals.

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER WINNER

THIS week's prize from Mark Jankovics and the Sports Centre Pty Ltd of Carlingford Court, Bankstown Square and Parramatta Westfield goes to young Ivan Maric, a fan of Bruno Vidalic of Croatia Sydney in the NSW State League. Congratulations for good letters to Elizabeth Birtles of Maroubra and Geoffrey Sander of Bundamba in Queensland.

MY favourite player is Bruno Vidalic, who plays in the State League for Croatia Sydney. Bruno is an extraordinary defender. He is fair and never gives up. Bruno is a very dedicated player for our team and also a great captain. I think Croatia are going superbly this season with absolutely excellent players. They should be rewarded and I personally, as a regular follower of Croatia, would like to congratulate them.

Ivan Maric MY favourite star would have to be Jeff Dann who has played his football with Ipswich United. Our year has been a good one.

Financially we find the going hard. If the Government allows poker machines we may do better and build a beautiful clubhouse.

Geoffrey Sander (12) Bundamba

MY all time favourite player is Ken Boden (Sydney City). Unfortunately he usually has some kind of injury, which prevents him from taking the field. When Ken Boden plays, the whole crowd seems to cheer up, especially his Number One supporter, me. Probably the best he ever cheered me up was when he signed my autograph book personally.

Elizabeth Birtles (12)

MELITA EAGLES SOCCER CLUB

Trials are presently being conducted to select a squad of players for the 1984 U13 Mini Ampol squad.

And the 1984 U13 Youth League team

The trials are being held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at the

MELITA STADIUM

EVERLEY ST SEFTON (645 4595)
Commencing at 6.00pm

For further information ring:

Maurice Gill - 727 0748

Vic Bonnici - 72 9849

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Trials for the Under 14s, 15s, & 16s

Youth League teams will commence on the 1st November, 1983



COACHES WANTED

THE CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB, INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COACHES FOR THEIR YOUTH teams, Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s.

All persons interested must submit a written application, stating qualifications, experience to the:

Secretary:

Supporters' Club

Mr Grafakis

C/- Canterbury Marrickville Olympic S.F.C.

2 Beech Street,

Kyeemagh N.S.W. 2216

All applications must be submitted BEFORE November 9th, 1983

SCHOOL FOR SOCCEROOS

THE ACT's unique Academy of Soccer is going from strength to strength, reports Steve Burns.

Mr Gianni D'Addario, the Academy's Executive Director, and the man who conceived the idea, told ASW that this year, for the first time, the Academy had been entrusted — on a trial basis — with the preparation of the ACT Under 14, 15 and 16 representative squads.

"The selection of players was carried out by Academy coaches using Academy facilities and equipment," Mr D'Addario said.

"The operation went reasonably smoothly considering the decision to give the Academy this responsibility was made half-way through the Academy training year."

The Academy, in addition to its \$6,000 Federal Government grant to meet half of its operation costs, had also been given a \$1,600 equipment grant and had purchased video equipment to fill training sessions.

"Remember," Mr D'Addario added, "that considering it was established only in 1981 the Academy has grown quickly. It now has eight coaches and four administrators, a registrar and an executive director who are responsible to a Board of Directors appointed by the ACT Soccer Federation."

"We have 32 players — or cadets — in each of the four age groups and they attend a full four year course from Under 13 to Under 16. The course includes such things as 40 outdoor training sessions on two hours each at the National Sports Centre, Bruce, about 10 overnight residential camps with

lectures, film screenings, outdoor and indoor training and attendance at a Class 3 referee course and Level 2 ASF coaching courses.

"At the end of each year the Academy sends all cadets on an interstate trip. Cadets are hosted by selected Soccer associations for three days and play friendly games."

"A Canterbury Under 14/15 invitation team from New Zealand and the squad of the Blacktown Soccer Academy were hosted by the Academy in Canberra this year."

Mr D'Addario said he was proud to announce that the first group of cadets who had completed the full course would graduate this year.



AWSA U/14 BACK: Left to Right: Mrs H. Finlay (manager), Mr E. Mueller (coach), D. Boyler, R. Laramie, A. Knobloch, P. Nickonopoulos, M. Davies, Mario Antic. **FRONT:** D. Duet, F. Finlay Jr, M. Leake, C. Weldon, D. Novak, B. Harrison, P. Romito, S.

Albury—Wodonga's U13 representative team this year were runners-up in the Victorian Country Championship. They ran second in their group out of 12 teams at Bega and did the same in the Har-



den Cup. Best and fairest for the year was Steven Moutone, the goalkeeper. Best first year player was Mel

VICTORIA TAKES UNDER 14's

BY KEITH GILMOUR

VICTORIA won the Australian Under 14 championship from Western Australia at a well-conducted tournament held in Brisbane.

It was not one of the best championship for skill, but the Victorians ended well ahead with a three point margin.

NSW were on equal points with Queensland but came fourth and only improved their performance over the last two days.

Hampered by injuries, NSW was without its play-maker, Anthony Daniel, from the opening game until Friday and Saturday.

Stopper David Barrett, and defenders Jason Want and Peter Bennett, were amongst the best NSW players.

In the end NSW was the

only team to take a point from the winners.

There were some good crowds at the games.

The organisers were fortunate that experi-

enced NSW referees Doug Rennie and Tony Pollard were in attendance.



"You're right. If you've got the ball the opposition can't score — but then neither can you"

FINISHING FIRST



GLADESVILLE R.S.L. Under 12 side finished its first season in the top division of the Gladesville-Hornsby District by winning the championship.

In the grand final GRSL defeated Ryde Panthers by 2-0 with goals from Craig Cairnduff and Anthony Rotondo. The end of season trip to Coffs Harbour also resulted in victories with Boambee beaten by 3-1 and Coffs Harbour representative side being beaten 8-0.



Back: Frank Kocsis (coach), Domenica Campagna (manager). **Middle:** Michael Roberts, Geoffrey Tuckerman, David Fraser, Stuart McGregor, Tomas Kalnajs, Nicholas Smith. **Front:** Richard Murray, Peter Johnston, Mark Barsley, Joseph Campagna, Rhys Pender.

CAMPS TAKE OFF WITH EAST-WEST

BY DAVID JACK

EAST-WEST Airlines has become the major sponsor of the National Sports Camps held at the University of New England in Armidale.

The camps, though in existence for only three years, have been an enormous success. They cater for several sports of which Soccer, under the capable control of Willie Wallace, is probably the

most popular.

Wallace has excellent assistance from Eric Worthington, Les Scheinflug, Jimmy Shoulder and other well-known coaches.

The camps at Armidale

are completely self-supporting but the involvement of East-West Airlines will now allow them to expand and improve.

For instance, it is a costly business to fly a sports psychology expert from another State just for one seminar.

Hockey (girls and boys) has been added to the list of sports which includes Soccer, Rugby Union and Rugby League — with Australian Rules also lining up for inclusion.

There could hardly be a more suitable venue for a sporting camp than the University of New England.

Living and eating facilities are excellent. Also, there are 30 acres of playing fields (four floodlit), indoor recreation centres, heated swimming pool, eight tennis courts, eight squash courts and much more.

If you want to attend, phone the University on (067) 72 2811.

PACKING A WALLOP

SOUTHSIDE Canberra junior team West Creek D has a proud boast — perhaps the only team in its age group in Canberra to go three full seasons without defeat, reports STEVE BURNS.

The age group is Under 9.

In compiling that incredible run without defeat the team has scored a mammoth 307 goals while conceding only 16.

Included in that number were 93 for and just nine against during the now completed 1983 season.

And who can take the

credit? The boys were unanimous in their answer — volunteer coach, Frank Kocsis.

Frank has had the team for the past three years and as one dad said, who previously hadn't been involved in Soccer, only Rugby League and Union: "Each year Frank has changed the emphasis in his coaching. Firstly he

instilled in his charges the need to go forward and the correct way to kick a ball for both accuracy and distance. He then developed the boys' skills in ball control and finally concentrated the third season on their positional play and team understanding."

The result speaks for itself.

OVERSEAS



THE BOWL TO TULSA

TULSA ROUGHNECKS are the new champions of the North American Soccer League. The Florida side beat Toronto Blizzard 2-0 in the Soccer Bowl 83 play-off final.

New York Cosmos, generally rated the classiest side, were eliminated in the first round.

Cosmos, however, finished in top place in overall rankings at the end of the normal season.

And they had four of their stars, Cabanas, Bogicevic, Eskandarian and Beckenbauer, selected in the League's all-star team.



Artemio Franchi presents the 1982 European Cup to the winning captain, Barcelona's Sanchez.

EUROPEAN MATCH REPORTS SUMMARY

ODENSE RATTLED BY DALGLISH

LIVERPOOL'S Kenny Dalglish became the leading British goalscorer in the European Cup last week when he scored twice against Odense at Anfield.

Before the first round second leg match, Dalglish had knocked in 13 European Cup goals, just one fewer than the great Denis Law, another Scot.

Dalglish's two goals in Liverpool's 5-0 win over Odense took him to the 15 goals mark. No British player has ever scored that many goals in the world's leading club competition.

UNITED SCRAPE BY

ENGLAND'S other big hope in the European Cup, Manchester United, scraped through to the second round after drawing 2-2 with Dukla in Prague.

United seemed in big trouble when they could only draw 1-1 in the first leg at Old Trafford.

They were in even more strife in Prague when Stambacher shot Dukla into a 1-0 lead after only 11 minutes.

Then United turned on the heat, getting goals through Bryan Robson and Norman Whiteside to lead 2-1. Danek made it 2-2 shortly before the end.

So United qualified, but only through the away goals rule.

ROMA ROMP IN

AS ROMA, early favourites for the European Cup, had no anxious moments as they capably eliminated Sweden's Gothenburg.

Although Roma lost in Sweden 2-1, they had virtually earned a passport to the next round in their 3-0 win in the home leg.

aggregate. In Beveren: Beveren (Belgium) 3 Famagusta (Cyprus) 1. Beveren won 7-3 on aggregate. In Bergen: Brann Bergen (Norway) 0. Nijmegen (Netherlands) 1. Nijmegen won 2-1 on aggregate. In Cologne: Cologne (West Germany) 7 Innsbruck (Austria) 1. Cologne won 7-2 on aggregate. In BARCELONA: Barcelona (Spain) 2 Magdeburg (East Germany) 0. Barcelona won 7-1 on aggregate.

IN BRUSSELS: Anderlecht (Belgium) 1 Bryne (Norway) 1. Anderlecht won 4-1 on aggregate. IN SOFIA: Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) 1. Stuttgart (West Germany) 0. Levski Spartak won 2-1 on aggregate. IN VIENNA: Austria Vienna (Austria) 10. Aris Bonnevoie (Luxembourg) 0. Austria won 15-0 on aggregate. IN AARHUS: Aarhus (Denmark) 1. Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 4. Celtic won 5-1 on aggregate. IN MALMOE: Malmoe (Sweden) 1. Werder Bremen (West Germany) 2. Bremen won 3-2 on aggregate.

IN BORAS: Elfsborg (Sweden) 2. Widzen Lodz (Poland) 2. Aggregate score 2-2. Widzen Lodz won on away goals. IN SPLIT: Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 1. Univ Craiova (Romania) 0 after extra time, normal time 1-0. Aggregate score 1-1. Hajduk Split won on penalties.

IN BIRMINGHAM: Aston Villa (England) 5 Vitoria Guimaraes (Portugal) 0. Aston Villa won 5-1 on aggregate. IN GRAZ: Sturm Graz (Austria) 0. Sportul Bucharest (Romania) 0. Sturm Graz won 2-1 on aggregate. IN MUNICH: Bayern Munich (West Germany) 10. Anorthosis Larnaca 0. Bayern won 11-0 on aggregate. IN ROTTERDAM: Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 2. St Mirren (Scotland) 0. Feyenoord won 3-0 on aggregate.

IN LONDON: Tottenham (England) 8. Drogheda (Ireland) 0. Tottenham won 14-0 on aggregate. IN GRONINGEN: Groningen (Netherlands) 3. Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0. Groningen won 4-2 on aggregate. IN WATFORD: Watford (England) 3. Kaiserslautern (West Germany) 0. Watford won 4-3 on aggregate. IN LAVAL: Laval (France) 1. Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 0. Laval won 1-0 on aggregate. IN HELSINKI: HJK Helsinki (Finland) 0. Spartak Moscow (Soviet Union) 5. Spartak won 7-0 on aggregate. IN CESENA: Inter Milan (Italy) 2. Trabzonspor (Turkey) 0. Inter Milan won 2-1 on aggregate. IN LISBON: Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 3. Sevilla (Spain) 2. Sporting Lisbon won 4-3 on aggregate.

IN LENS: Lens (France) 2. Ghent (Belgium) 1. after extra time (normal time 1-1). Lens won 3-2 on aggregate.

IN JENA: Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 3. Vestmannaeyjar (Iceland) 0. Carl Zeiss won 3-0 on aggregate.

IN MADRID: Real Madrid (Spain) 3. Spartak Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1. Spartak Prague won 4-3 on aggregate.

IN OPORTO: Porto (Portugal) 1. Dynamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 0. Aggregate score 2-2. Porto won on away goals.

In Frankfurt: Oder: Vorwaerts (East Germany) 0. Nottingham Forest (England) 1. Nottingham Forest won 3-0 on aggregate.

In Salonika: Thessaloniki (Greece) 3. Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1. Thessaloniki won 5-2 on aggregate. In Cole-

raines: Coleraine (Ireland) 1. Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) 1. Sparta Rotterdam won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Copenhagen: 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 1. Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 1. Banik Ostrava won 6-1 on aggregate. In Belgrade: Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2. Verona (Italy) 3. Verona won 4-2 on aggregate. In Budapest: Honved Budapest (Hungary) 3. Lariss (Greece) 0. after extra time, normal time 2-0. Honved won 3-2 on aggregate. In Budapest: Ferencvaros (Hungary) 0. PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 2. Eindhoven won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Leipzig: Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 4. Borussia (France) 0. Leipzig won 7-2 on aggregate.

European Cup



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GREECE
Ap Athens v Aek 1-1
Pnaikos v Iraklis 2-1
Ponios v Ap K'maria 3-1
Tottenham v Ethnikos 3-1
Pnaikos v Doxa 3-1
Larisa v Egaleo 1-0
Aris v Paok 0-0
Ofi v Yannina 3-0

ROMANIA
Tg Mures v Olt 2-1
Di B'rest v B Mare 4-1
R B'rest v Bi Oradea 0-1
Tingoviste v Csu Galati 1-0
Un Craiova v St B'rest 2-1
Poli lasi v C H'doara 3-0
Ar Pitesti v Bacau 4-0
Jiul P'sani v Ch Vilcea 1-0
Pet Ploes v St B'rest 0-2

WEST GERMANY
Ein F'urt v Mannheim 1-3
Hamburg v B'wick 3-0
B Munich v Bor M'bach 4-0
L'kusen v B'feld 0-0
U'dingen v D'dorf 1-3
Dortmund v Offenbach 4-1
K'lautern v We Bremen 3-3
Stuttgart v Cologne 3-2
N'berg v Bochum 3-1

HONOURING THE NAME FRANCHI

ARTEMIO FRANCHI, the world-respected Italian administrator who died recently in tragic circumstances, could posthumously give his name to a new football tournament.

Franchi was a vice-president of FIFA and many people expected him to follow Joao Havelange as president, so it is fitting that FIFA is now planning to honour his name.

The Artemio Franchi Tournament, is expected to be launched in 1985, and be played between the world's 12 greatest club sides.

Already the host nation has been provisionally selected. It is England, a country which has ample suitable stadiums and guaranteed crowd

support.

The English F.A. appears to be in favour of the tournament but, knowing the difficulties of fitting dates into a crowded fixture list, the F.A. will discuss the matter with the Football League and try to get the reaction of the League's clubs.

It is a most exciting idea, even though the tournament would have to be staged in the traditional UK close-season when cricket is king!

If England declines the

honour of staging this competition, there would surely be many other nations willing to jump in as host.

Italy looks an obvious alternative... although the Italians are already lobbying strongly to host the 1990 World Cup.

If the Artemio Franchi event does get off the ground, it will be the first time in the history of Soccer that the leading club teams from all over the world have played against each other in one tournament.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

AUSTRIA	E'stadt v Voest 1-1	C/Z Jena v H Rostock 0-1
	St Veit v Sportclub 1-5	Magdeburg v W'mut Ave 0-2
	Lask v Salzburg 3-1	Un Berlin v Lo Leipzig 0-0
	Rap Wien v St Graz 2-0	Dy Dresden v Ch Halle 3-0
	Un Wels v K'furt 2-3	
ITALY	Ad Wacker v Aus Wien 1-4	Ascoli v Inter 1-0
	GAK v Innsbruck 3-2	Lazio v Juventus 0-1
	Fav AC v Neusiedl 1-0	Ac Milan v Catania 2-1
		Napoli v Avellino 2-0
		Pisa v Genoa 1-1
		S'doria v F'tina 1-2
		Torino v Roma 2-1
		Udinese v Verona 1-1
BELGIUM	An'lecht v Beringen 6-1	
	Courtrai v Beveren 1-1	
	Seraing v Bruges 2-1	
	Ce Bruges v Wareghem 1-0	
	W'schei v M'beek 1-1	
	Liegeois v St Liege 1-0	
	Lierse v Antwerp 4-1	
	Beerschot v Mechelen 2-2	
	Ghent v Lokeren 1-0	
N. IRELAND	Ards v P'down 2-1	
	B'mena v Carrick 2-0	
	G'toran v D'lery 2-0	
	Linfield v C'ders 1-0	
	C'raine v G'von 3-2	
	Newry v C'ville 3-2	
	Larne v Bangor 1-0	
EAST GERMANY	V'waerts F/O v R/W Erfurt 4-1	
	Ch Leipzig v St Riesa 0-2	
	K/M Stadt v Dy Berlin 2-1	
YUGOSLAVIA	Oi L'jana v Di V'kovci 2-0	
	V'dina NS v Di Zagreb 4-2	
	Sarajevo v Rijeka 0-0	
	Cel Zenica v Partizan 1-1	
	Osijek v Pristina 2-0	
	Var Skopje v Bud T'grad 3-0	
	Red Star v Zel S'jevo 1-3	
	Vel Mostar v Slo Tuzla 2-0	
	Rad Nis v Haj Split 1-0	
SWITZERLAND	Servette v Lavansanne 3-0	
	Zurich v Sion 0-4	
	Aarau v Bale 4-0	
	Lucerne v St Gall 2-2	
	Vevay v G'hoppers 3-1	
	Chiasso v De Fonds 0-4	
	Young Boys v Wettingen 0-2	
	Neuchatel v B'inzone 8-0	



COPPELL'S TRAGIC END

STEVE COPPELL has been forced to quit Soccer after a third operation on his left knee — a sad end for the Manchester United and England winger.

Coppel has been plagued by a serious injury for two years. He picked up the injury in a Wembley World Cup qualifying match, playing for England against Hun-

gary on November 18, 1981.

Coppel last played for United in April at Sunderland.

Last week, this talented player was warned that, if

he tried to play on the damaged knee, serious injury was inevitable. "This is a sad day for United and for Steve," said Old Trafford boss Ron Atkinson.

ANGRY SCOTS DEMONSTRATE

RANGERS had the worst start to a season in living memory when they dropped seven out of their first eight points.

The Glasgow fans were not slow to point the finger of blame.

After Aberdeen beat Rangers, they gathered outside the famous Ibrox Park ground and chanted: "Greig must go — there's only one Jock Wallace."

Target of their abuse was team manager John Greig. And the man they want to take over, Wallace, is now managing Motherwell after several years in England with Leicester City.

'SCORE GOALS' AND THEY DID

EVEN though England flopped dismally in the European Championship against Denmark, they managed to win the Under 21 match between the two countries on the previous night.

England's youngsters beat Denmark 4-1 at Norwich. Before the match, England manager Dave Sexton told his twin strikers, Luton Town's Paul Walsh and Brian Stein, to go flat out for goals.

Walsh scored two and so did Stein. Sexton said later: "Walsh and Stein are the ideal combination against Continental opposition — very entertaining to watch and nimble in the box."

ARCHIBALD ARMISTICE

TITLE tips Tottenham Hotspur started the season with several bad results, so it's not surprising there have been peace feelers put out to Scottish forward Steve Archibald.

Archibald was accused by Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw of letting the side down after leaving the field injured against Coventry City.

That public condemnation of Archibald made big headlines and caused the player to ask for a transfer.

Spurs said they'd be happy to let him go.

Now, it seems, there have been second thoughts on both sides although Archibald still feels he is owed an apology by Burkinshaw.



Steve Archibald

LUTON KEEP MOSS

PETER TAYLOR, the former Spurs and England winger, has been signed by Exeter City. Taylor has been playing non-League football for Maidstone United in Kent.

AT 31, David Moss (Luton Town) thought his days in the first division were almost over — in fact Moss was considering leaving Luton to play in the USA.

But Luton manager David Pleat had a quiet word with him, assuring Moss that he could still be a star for the side this season.

Pleat described Moss as "best crosser of a ball in England," and "a player who doesn't appreciate his own qualities."

Moss is now playing great stuff for Luton and has signed a new two-year contract which will keep him at the club till he's 33.

GRASS IS GREENER IN WALES

PORTSMOUTH spent a huge amount of cash to build their present side, so didn't take kindly to being held to a 0-0 draw by a Cardiff City team which cost a total miserly \$25,000.

Portsmouth came up with a novel reason for that result. "The grass at Ninian Park was too long," said Pompey boss Bobby Campbell.

UK SOCCER SCENE

'FINE THEM ALL!' SAYS MULLERY

CRYSTAL PALACE are going through a very rough patch and team manager Alan Mullery puts all the blame on his players.

After a recent bad defeat, Mullery said he wanted to slap fines on his 11 players ... a week's wages for each.

"I don't know if this is legally possible but I'm going to talk to the players' union about it," said Mullery.

"The players' attitude was all wrong and I want to publicly apologise to all our supporters and club officials for this disgrace."

"I want to assure them that everything possible will be done to put matters right," added Mullery.



Alan Mullery

TV HIT BY BAD RATINGS

TELEVISION ratings for replayed matches on Sunday have been disastrous in the first few weeks of the season.

Two of the main areas, London and Yorkshire TV, had a combined total of 500,000 viewers one Sunday. That was so small it didn't register on the ratings.

Main problems seems to be the bad time slot. The show is being screened at 1.15 p.m. And, true to tradition and habit, most of Soccer's male TV audience are in the pubs at that time on a Sunday.

One executive from London TV commented: "The people have a choice — either the pub or the box. That being the case, we're not in the race."

DERBY FIRE FUTCHER

AFTER Derby County won only one of their first five matches, manager Peter Taylor got tough and transfer-listed three of his players, Brian Attley, John McAle and Paul Futcher.

The listing of Futcher surprised plenty of people. In fact, Taylor had stated earlier that Futcher had the class to become England's international team sweeper.

Taylor has now decided: "In our situation, Futcher is a luxury."

TAYLOR BLASTS DERBY PLAYERS

WHEN the Brian Clough - Peter Taylor partnership operated at Nottingham Forest, Clough usually did most of the talking while Taylor was more the backroom boy.

Not these days. Taylor, now managing Derby County, has blasted his players and, believe it or not, himself, after some terrible recent results.

When Derby were hammered 5-0 twice in their first five games, Taylor came out with the following:

"Three or four players in my side shouldn't be playing in League Soccer.

It's my fault — I bought them. But it's not my fault they don't play with pride.

"Derby are as bad as we were last year when I took over and we had to fight for survival.

"The players are letting me down. I promise the fans I will sort it out in a matter of weeks."

UK SOCCER TABLES

ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
West Ham	8	6	2	0	14
Southampton	8	5	3	0	13
Inverness	8	4	4	0	12
Man Utd	8	4	3	1	11
QPR	8	4	2	2	10
Liverpool	8	4	2	2	10
WBA	8	4	2	2	10
Birmingham	8	4	2	2	10
Luton	8	4	2	2	10
Notts For	8	4	2	2	10
Aston Villa	8	4	2	2	10
Arsenal	8	4	2	2	10
Everton	8	4	2	2	10
Coventry	8	4	2	2	10
Sunderland	8	4	2	2	10
Watford	8	4	2	2	10
Tottenham	8	4	2	2	10
Stoke	8	4	2	2	10
Norwich	8	4	2	2	10
Notts County	8	4	2	2	10
Wolves	8	4	2	2	10
Leicester	8	4	2	2	10

ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Sheffield Wed	8	6	2	0	14
Man City	8	5	3	0	13
Chelsea	8	4	4	0	12
Newcastle	8	4	3	1	11
Shrewsbury	8	4	2	2	10
Charlton	8	4	2	2	10
Huddersfield	8	4	2	2	10
Middlesbrough	8	4	2	2	10
Millwall	8	4	2	2	10
Fulham	8	4	2	2	10
Barnsley	8	4	2	2	10
Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	10
Carlisle	8	4	2	2	10
Grimsby	8	4	2	2	10
Blackburn	8	4	2	2	10
Cambridge	8	4	2	2	10
Crystal Palace	8	4	2	2	10
Cardiff	8	4	2	2	10
Leeds Utd	8	4	2	2	10
Oldham	8	4	2	2	10
Derby Co	8	4	2	2	10
Swansea	8	4	2	2	10

ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Oxford	8	6	2	0	14
Hull	8	5	3	0	13
Bristol Rovers	8	4	4	0	12
Sheffield Utd	8	4	3	1	11
Wimbledon	8	4	2	2	10
Bolton	8	4	2	2	10
Orient	8	4	2	2	10
Burnley	8	4	2	2	10
Lincoln	8	4	2	2	10
Wigan	8	4	2	2	10
Newport	8	4	2	2	10
Southend	8	4	2	2	10
Bristol	8	4	2	2	10
Rotherham	8	4	2	2	10
Millwall	8	4	2	2	10
Walsall	8	4	2	2	10
Scunthorpe	8	4	2	2	10
Plymouth	8	4	2	2	10
Gillingham	8	4	2	2	10
Brentford	8	4	2	2	10

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Celtic	8	6	2	0	14
Dundee Utd	8	5	3	0	13
Hearts	8	4	4	0	12
Aberdeen	8	4	3	1	11
Hibernian	8	4	2	2	10
Rangers	8	4	2	2	10
St Mirren	8	4	2	2	10
Dundee	8	4	2	2	10
Motherwell	8	4	2	2	10
St Johnstone	8	4	2	2	10

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Partick	8	6	2	0	14
Falkirk	8	5	3	0	13
Kilmarnock	8	4	4	0	12
Brechin	8	4	3	1	11
Dumbarton	8	4	2	2	10
Morton	8	4	2	2	10
Ayr	8	4	2	2	10
Clydebank	8	4	2	2	10
Hamilton	8	4	2	2	10
Airdrie	8	4	2	2	10
Meadowbank	8	4	2	2	10
Alloa	8	4	2	2	10
Raith	8	4	2	2	10
Clyde	8	4	2	2	10

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Forfar	8	6	2	0	14
Queen of South	8	5	3	0	13
Stirling Alb	8	4	4	0	12
Brechin	8	4	3	1	11
Arbroath	8	4	2	2	10
Stranraer	8	4	2	2	10
East Fife	8	4	2	2	10
Dunfermline	8	4	2	2	10
Cowdenbeath	8	4	2	2	10
Stenhousemuir	8	4	2	2	10
Queen's Park	8	4	2	2	10
Montrose	8	4	2	2	10
East Stirling	8	4	2	2	10
Albion Rovers	8	4	2	2	10